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'Takeover by majority party' likely once two sides are fused

Liberal storm over 'sham' merger talks

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Two leading Liberal activists cast a cloud over merger negotiations with the Social Democratic Party last night by claiming that they had been told privately by senior Liberal officials and MPs that the negotiations were a sham.

Mr Tony Greaves and Mr Gordon Lishman also claimed that they had been told that once merger had been achieved the Liberals would take over the new party and run it as they wished.

The claim was made by the two, both councillors, candidates and former officers of the party, as they launched a pamphlet arguing that any new party created must be Liberal both in attitudes and style and must retain the word Liberal in its name.

Mr Greaves said: "You cannot have 100,000 Liberals in a party and it be anything other than a Liberal Party".

Mr Greaves, who specifically exempted Mr David Steel, the Liberay leader, said that what "senior officials" and some MPs were saying in private was "let us go through the process and take them over and pretend it is merger".

By calling openly for the new party to be a Liberal Party he and Mr Lishman were merely taking away the pretence.

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The two could hardly have provided better ammunition for Dr David Owen,the former SDP leader, in his efforts to keep the SDP out of any merger.

With the mood of the conference running strongly in favour of a merger with the SDP it was clear last night that Mr Greaves and Mr Lishman did not speak for all Liberal activists.

Mr John Pigott, chairman of the Association of Liberal Councillors, said: "The Association of Liberal Councillors are fully behind merger of the Liberal Party and the SDP.There is no question that there can be a takeover.

There was further embarrassment for the Liberal leadership when Mrs Meg Beresford, general secretary of Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, yesterday announced that she was joining the Liberal Party.

Her announcement stoked up the fears of Social Democrats who are worried about the likely stance of a merged party on Britain's independent nuclear deterrent.

Mr Steel arrived in Harrogate last night from the Liberal International undecided whether to intervene in today's opening debate on the merger question.

Mr Steel, who was criticized for failing to speak up in last year's crucial defence debate in Eastbourne, is confident that there is overwhelming support for merger among the Liberals, and he intends to drive his party on to merger as quickly as possible.

However he faced problems even without the intervention of the Liberals' best known "community politicians", Mr Greaves and Mr Lishman.

First, Mr Robert Maclennan, the SDP leader, is insisting on playing a key role in negotiations when Mr Steel would rather remain detached.

Secondly, leading Liberals are worried that today and in the crucial merger debate on Thursday attempts by Liberal groups to lay down negotiating positions could, if posed too aggressively, be used by the Owenite opponents of merger within the SDP to draw more Social Democrats into the separatist camp.

Mr Steel will attempt to persuade his party to concentrate on the creation of something new rather than jealously guarding every dot and comma of past Liberal practice.

The timing of Mrs Beresford's move is particularly galling for the Liberal leadership.

In an interview on Sunday Mr Steel revealed a greater willingness to contemplate the retention of the Trident missile system in an effort to help soothe SDP fears that the influence of Liberal unilateralists would not lead any merged new party into a weak defence policy.

With the mood of yesterday's conference clearly in favour of merger Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president, was given a standing ovation after she attacked Social Democrats backing Dr Owen for denouncing merger negotiations which a majority of the party had voted to enter.

Good thing She's only got TWO hands...
"on the one HAND.. and on the other.."
LIBERAL CONFERENCE
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Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the Social Democratic Party, acknowledging cheers at the Liberal conference yesterday with Mr Adrian Slade, Liberal president-elect (left) and Mr David Alton, a Liberal MP. (Photograph: John Manning).

Prices boost for Thatcher

By Richard Thomson

Government attempts to hold down inflation were given a boost yesterday with figures showing that the increase in the price of manufactured goods at factory gates last month was unchanged from July.

Prices rose by 3.6 per cent over the year to end-August, equivalent to the monthly increase in June and July.

The price of fuel and raw materials for manufacturing industry rose by 0.5 per cent last month, a slight drop in the monthly rate of increase from July when prices rose by 0.6 per cent.

Over the year to August, however, prices increased faster than during the 12 months to July, rising by 9.1 per cent compared with 8.9 per cent on an adjusted basis for July.

The stock market strengthened yesterday, with the FT-SE 100 share index rising 10.6 points to 2,271.8. The dollar rose against all currencies, particularly the pound, which closed in London at $1.6345.

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Director defends sex abuse strategy

The director of Cleveland's social services made a passionate defence of his department's role at the inquiry yesterday into allegations of child sexual abuse within the county.

Mr Michael Bishop said its over-riding objective had been the safety of the children involved.

His department had been faced with accusations that significant numbers of children, some of a very tender age, had been sodomized.

"I can't begin to envisage what the public would have said if I had sent one of those children home and he or she had been re-abused."

Mr Bishop added that social workers had in mind the way warning signs had been missed in other cases, such as that of Jasmine Beckford, in which children had been grossly harmed or killed.

He denied that he had tried to keep the police out of cases or had impeded their examination of such cases.

He told how in a meeting with the two consultants at the centre of the controversy he had asked if there was any way to reduce the number of diagnoses. They replied that such a course of action was not professionally acceptable and they regarded the detection of sexual abuse as a major breakthrough in child health care.

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Leading industrialists 'rejected by Telecom'

By Tony Dawe

Leading names in industry were rejected for the post of chairman of British Telecom, a senior director of the company reveals today in a letter to *The Times*, fuelling controversy over the appointment of an insider to the job.

Mr John Raisman, who becomes Telecom's deputy chairman on October 1, says leading industrialists were interviewed but passed over because it would have taken them too long to grasp the complexities of the business.

In his letter, he says they would have to "surmount an extremely steep learning curve" and candidates with "telecommunications expertise and ability to command the loyalty and respect of staff" were preferred.

Mr Raisman's letter follows bitter criticism by some ministers and senior MPs of the appointment as chairman last week of Mr Iain Vallance, who has spent 21 years with the Post Office and then British Telecom. They believe the company's failure to provide an efficient telephone service and its inability to grasp new technology required the appointment of a dynamic outsider to head the company.

In his letter, Mr Raisman insists there was no dissent to the appointment of Mr Vallance by any board member and no indication of dissatisfaction with it on the part of the Government. He says the resignation of Sir George Jefferson as chairman was not connected with criticisms of the company's performance.

Mr Raisman's letter prompted a strong reaction last night from Sir Eldon Griffiths, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds, who has been pressing for more than a year for the appointment of "an entrepreneur with a technical and commercial background" to take over the company.

"I would have thought the chairman of ICI or senior ministers must have overcome 'steep learning curves' to do their jobs. People who have held those posts were available to take over at BT and I am sure the public will have a view about Mr Raisman's explanation", Sir Eldon said.

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He produced documents to contradict a separate Telecom statement denying that board members had criticized company management.

Sir Eldon showed *The Times* a copy of a letter he wrote to a senior member of the Telecom board a year ago, seeking advice on a critical note he proposed sending to Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, with a copy to the Prime Minister.

The memorandum attacked Telecom for "failing to grasp new opportunities in information technology and the provision of electronic services on a world scale" and called for "an injection of strong scientific and commercial talent at the top of the company".

Sir Eldon said last night: "I already understood that the board member might be receptive to my letter. After receiving it, we met, discussed the matter and he confirmed my judgments and made some amendments which strengthened rather than weakened the memorandum.

"BT are in no position to deny that happened."

In another move last night, Mr Don Stickland, who spearheaded the shareholders' attack on Telecom management at the company's annual general meeting last week, accused Mr Vallance of "a lack of moral fibre" for failing to take more action over allegations of overcharging.

Mr Stickland, an engineer, of Nottingham, called for a cut in the company's dividend to provide more funds to improve the metering of telephone calls. He said it would be unethical for shareholders to profit from the metering errors.

New US arms cut offer in Geneva

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan announced yesterday that American negotiators in Geneva were formally presenting a new proposal to eliminate all medium-range nuclear missiles.

The latest US draft treaty includes a number of significant concessions, disclosed in recent weeks, and details the new, less stringent verification procedures to ensure that neither side is cheating.

This comes on the eve of crucial talks the President will hold today with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who will then spend three days of intensive negotiations with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

Mr Reagan said difficult issues remained to be resolved, including the question of verification. He insisted that the US proposals still included "the most stringent verification regime of any arms control agreement in history." The US would not settle for anything less than the most effective inspection possible, he insisted.

The President outlined three key elements of his new proposal for the "double zero option" – the elimination of medium-range and shorter-range missiles.

These are: the scrapping of all US and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) missiles and launchers with the longer-range ones being eliminated within three years and the shorter-range within one year; a ban on the modernization, production or flight-testing of any INF missiles system; and a comprehensive and effective verification regime.

The White House confirmed that the West German Pershing-1A missiles were not included in the American draft, because the US maintains that these are third party systems and cannot be included in the text of a bilateral treaty with Moscow.

Mr Shevardnadze, however, is expected to insist that the US destroy the US-controlled warheads for these German missiles and the 400-odd remaining warheads stored in the US.

Mr Reagan said in his statement: "It is up to the Soviet Union now to demonstrate whether it shares our determination to conclude a treaty eliminating all US and Soviet INF missiles."

The White House also announced that Mr Reagan and Mr Shevardnadze will today sign an agreement on "nuclear risk reduction centres" to be set up in the US and the Soviet Union aimed at reducing the risk of nuclear conflict through accident, misinterpretation or miscalculation.

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Iran facing arms embargo as UN mission heads for failure

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

An international arms embargo against Iran appeared increasingly likely last night as the peace mission by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, began to founder.

It was caught between Iranian insistence on branding Iraq as the aggressor in the Gulf War and Iraq's equally vehement demand that no changes should be made to the UN Security Council's ceasefire resolution.

His visit to Baghdad had by last night yielded no more hopeful signs than his weekend trip to Tehran. Resignedly declaring himself "neither optimistic nor pessimistic", Mr Pérez de Cuéllar embarked on a series of talks with Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, whose Government is now anticipating an all-out arms embargo against Iran.

Western embassies in Baghdad and in the Arab Gulf states are also now signalling to their governments that the Secretary-General's mission seems destined to fail and that some form of embargo is a near certainty.

Mr Pérez de Cuéllar's arrival in Baghdad was accompanied by accusations from both Iran and Iraq that the other had breached the *de facto* ceasefire set in motion by the peace mission. The Iraqis claim that the Iranians fired 17 shells into the southern Iraqi city of Basra at the very moment that Mr Pérez de Cuéllar's jet touched down in Baghdad on Sunday, while the Iranians said that the Iraqis had killed civilians during a bombardment of the ruined cities of Abadan and Khorramshah.

United Nations – Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar is due back in New York from his Gulf peace mission tomorrow, a day earlier than expected, a UN spokesman said yesterday (Reuter reports). The spokesman gave no special significance to the change of plan.

The Iraqi Baath party newspaper *Al-Thawra*, in an implicit warning to the Secretary-General, said yesterday that Iraq "rejects any attempt or manoeuvre to divide up the Security Council (ceasefire) resolution"; in other words, the Iraqis will not allow the UN to insert any additional clauses into the resolution which will meet Iran's demand for an international inquiry to determine the aggressor nation.

The terms of the resolution, which calls for a return of belligerent armies to the international frontier between Iran and Iraq, are, in Iran's eyes, little more than Iraq's own conditions for ending the war. Thus it was that President

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Plan for nuclear dump under sea

By Robert Matthews

British Nuclear Fuels wants to pipe nuclear waste into caves under the Irish Sea from its reprocessing plant at Sellafield, Cumbria, it was revealed yesterday.

The undersea complex, similar to one in Sweden, would handle material about 1,000 times more radioactive than low-level waste, the disposal of which has been a source of controversy.

Already, a local pressure group has opposed to the scheme, which it claims contravenes the spirit of the moratorium on dumping at sea.

In May, after violent local protest, the Government abandoned plans to bury low-level waste at sites inland. The Government now wants low and intermediate waste dumped together. Intermediate waste is principally produced by the nuclear power stations in taking the form of metal cladding around nuclear fuel components and sludge from treatment plants. Although far more radioactive than low-level waste, there is much less of it.

BNF's announcement is, however, recognition of the fact that the increased dependence on nuclear power, following the building of the UK's first pressurized water reactor at Sizewell, will lead to storage difficulties.

BNF said yesterday that all the waste in the Sellafield repository would be encased in concrete, continuosly monitored, and could be recovered at any time.

The company is to open discussion with Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and local community groups about its plans. Geological surveys could start next year.

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£14.5m redundancy bill buys 132 extra staff

By David Walker
Public Administration
Correspondent

The Welsh Water Authority employs 132 more people than it did in 1984 despite spending £14.5 million over the past three years on redundancy payments, relocation costs and "disturbance allowances" as part of a programme of staff cuts.

A spokesman for the authority, which supplies water to homes in Hereford and Worcester as well as most of Wales, yesterday said it planned to spend another £5.3 million on its reorganization plans, to pay for the voluntary redundancy of some 150 staff.

By the time the reorganization is complete he said the authority should have 50 fewer staff than the 4,709 it had in 1984. At the end of the 1986-87 financial year, it employed 4,841 people.

The spokesman explained that the increase in staffing came about because the authority had taken on temporary staff on scientific projects and to install computers in the customer services department. He said the reorganization had achieved overall savings of £2.8 million per year from 1984 onwards.

Between 1984 and 1987, most other water authorities have lost considerable numbers of their staff. Anglia Water cut its manpower over the three years by 566 and Severn Trent reduced its personnel by 1,226.

Welsh Water, based in Brecon, claims the large redundancy bill coupled with the increase in staff, is explained by the necessity of recruiting people with skills, such as in computing, while making manual workers redundant.

Welsh Water's accounts for recent years show "exceptional items" such as individual redundancy payments of £30,000 plus.

"In order to achieve the on-going reductions in running expenses in the future, it is necessary to make 'one-off' payments for severance and compensation costs", says the most recent set of accounts.

The authority allowed £1.3 million in 1983-84 and £11.3 million in its 1984-85 accounts for reorganization of staffing and a further £1 million in the two subsequent financial years. In the 1984-85 settlement, 320 staff were given money either as redundancy payments or in other allowances, making an average settlement of nearly £30,000 per person.

Under Government plans for the water industry, the Welsh Water Authority along with the nine English regional water authorities, is to be sold into private ownership some time in the next five years.

Further staff cuts are likely in the wake of privatization. An accountant from Price Waterhouse, who specializes in water, said he expected one third of managers would survive the transition to private ownership, one third would need extensive retraining and the rest would be made redundant.

NEWS SUMMARY

Deaf mutes fight at seaside resort

A riot was narrowly averted after fighting broke out between police officers and 1,000 deaf and mute people celebrating the end of a three-day conference in Blackpool.

Sign language was used to try to persuade the revellers to disperse after a police officer was thrown to the ground and kicked when he tried to push a path through the group for an ambulance on its way to an emergency call.

A senior police officer said last night: "Just because these people cannot speak or hear does not mean they're stupid. They knew exactly what we wanted, but some were obviously intent on violence."

Nine people were bailed to appear before Blackpool magistrates on October 12 on charges ranging from public disorder to assault. The Royal Association in Aid of Deaf People said the incident was under urgent investigation.

Appeal is lost

A Harley Street psychiatrist who was banned from prescribing controlled drugs because of her treatment of a drug addict lost her appeal to a judicial committee of the Privy Council yesterday.

Dr Ann Dally, who was treating about 150 long-term addicts at her private clinic in Marylebone, was found guilty of serious professional misconduct in July.

Dr Dally, who was ordered to pay costs, said the decision was a catastrophe for long-term addicts.

Jail for drug plot

Cocaine worth £300,000, smuggled from Miami, was discovered in a Selfridge's safe deposit box by drugs squad detectives, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Iran Kesselman, a fashion designer, aged 42, from New Jersey, was jailed for five years after admitting he conspired to supply the drug in London. He had jumped bail.

Judge Argyle, QC, recommended that the sentence should be served in the United States, "for the sake of his sick, widowed mother and not him".

Coal train ambushed

Police were yesterday hunting a gang of raiders who ambushed a coal train in the Welsh valleys. They spilled more than 20 tonnes of coal on to the rails after forcing the train to a halt by placing sleepers across the line.

The train, travelling from Abercynon to Penrhiwceibr in the Cynon Valley, Mid Glamorgan, had one of its rear carriage doors wrenched open to let the coal tumble on to the track. The ambushers then shovelled some into their sacks before escaping into the hills.

Now British Rail transport police are trying to track down the gang after a dozen similar raids this year. The trains regularly run south through the valley from the Phurnacite smokeless fuel plant in Mountain Ash.

Phillips faces ban

Captain Mark Phillips has been ordered to appear before magistrates in Newbury, Berkshire, to answer a speeding summons and he could face a driving ban when the case is heard on September 30.

Captain Phillips admitted by letter driving at 103 mph on the M4 in July. Anyone charged with exceeding 100 mph is called to the court so that disqualification can be considered.

The letter from Captain Phillips's solicitor said the *offence occurred when he* had driven a great distance on business.

Heysel bail is refused

The 25 British soccer supporters who face manslaughter charges after the Heysel stadium tragedy in Belgium will remain in prison for the time being.

Lawyers for the supporters had hoped they would be released by a Brussels court yesterday, pending their trial.

However Judge Herman Joosten renewed a remand order for a further 30 days because of what he said were fears that the men would go into hiding.

The defence lawyers are almost certain to decide on an appeal at a meeting today.

Dispute halts operas

By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

All opera performances at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, were cancelled until further notice last night after members of the chorus rejected a revised pay offer.

The decision plunged the opera house, already facing a £1.3 million deficit on the year, into further financial crisis and brought fears that other members of the 1,000 staff could be laid off.

Ticket refunds are being given on performances up to and including Saturday: a loss of about £200,000 in box office receipts.

Sir John Tooley, the general director, said last night: "It is a desperate situation: it is incredibly serious. It must imperil the future of this house-every time you lose a performance you worsen the consequences".

He added: "We have left our offer on the table until midday on Wednesday in the hope that other counsels will prevail".

Today the crisis is to be discussed at a scheduled meeting of the Equity Council, the governing body of the chorus members' union.

The offer is understood to have kept the basic increase to 4 per cent but to have contained the equivalent of an extra 1 per cent in money paid for taking part in choreographed dances.

"We have got to get it across to everyone that there is no more money", Sir John said. He described the latest offer as "4 per cent new money and a recycling of existing payments".

Under old contracts, members of the Royal Opera House chorus of more than two years' standing earned £176 a week.

Truce call on Scots poll tax

By Kerry Gill

Central government and local authorities were urged yesterday to call a truce and smooth the way for the introduction of the community charge in Scotland.

The Scottish Consumer Council also pleaded with the Government to recognize the difficulties collecting councils face, particularly the cost of obtaining small amounts from people on maximum rebates.

Introducing its annual report, Mrs Barbara Kelly, the council's chairman, said the poorest would be paying only £50 a year and the cost of collection could be as much as £20 a head.

She urged Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, to consider introducing a maximum full rebate, rather than the proposed 80 per cent, for the unemployed, single parents and pensioners.

However, the consumer council spoke against continued opposition to the community charge.

"The great majority of Scottish local authorities who have been opposed to the idea of the community charge must now make the best job they can of getting the system going because, unless they do, it will be impossible to make a fair assessment of the workability and fairness of the tax", she said.

The charge is scheduled to come into force in Scotland on *April 1, 1989,* and the Commencement Order took effect yesterday.

Strathclyde region, which covers about half of Scotland's five million population, has estimated that it will need up to 360 new staff to operate the system. It is thought that Lothian region will need about 130.

Garda 'inexperience' puts security forces at risk

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The battle against the IRA is being seriously imperilled by the failure of the Irish police to adopt sophisticated anti-terrorist measures.

British security sources said yesterday that without a shake-up of the Garda, the latest efforts to tighten cross-border security were unlikely to be successful.

They want the Irish authorities to devote substantial extra cash and manpower to building up specialist teams of policemen trained and equipped to deal with the threat posed by gunmen operating along the 300-mile border dividing Northern and Southern Ireland.

Their concern was expressed just weeks before the next meeting of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Conference and with fears being voiced about the possibility of an IRA attack on the mainland after the discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Since the signing of the agreement between London and Dublin two years ago, senior officers from the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the *Garda have regularly met,* in an effort to present a united front.

Senior sources spoke yesterday of only a "marginal improvement", though they acknowledged that it would take the Garda a long time to match the techniques the RUC have developed over the past 20 years.

Security forces in the North are wary of *enlisting the* Garda's help in complex and lengthy surveillance operations. They fear that months of laborious effort may be wrecked by the intervention of inexperienced, if well-meaning, officers.

Lack of progress in the joint effort to combat the IRA is expected to be raised by Mr King when he meets Mr Brian *Lenihan, the Irish Foreign* Affairs Minister, at next month's congress.

Yesterday, Mr King was making progress in the North towards settling the Government's long dispute with Ulster Unionists. He met the two Unionist leaders for their first formal meeting for 18 months.

It was a surprise policy *reversal by the unionists,* who broke off relations with the Government following the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Mr Jim Molyneaux, the leader of the Official Unionists, and the Reverend Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, talked for two hours with Mr King at Stormont Castle.

After a reassessment of the Unionist anti-agreement campaign last July, Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley began a series of "talks about talks" with senior officials of the Northern Ireland Office. It was only after yesterday's meeting – the fourth in the present round of talks – that it was made public that Mr King had joined them.

A brief communiqué agreed *by both sides said the purpose* was to clarify the circumstances under which "talks about talks" might develop into wider ranging political negotiations.

Afterwards Mr Molyneaux said it had been agreed not to elaborate on what had been discussed. He denied that the meeting amounted to a departure from the Unionist *position. He referred to Mr King's* presence at a meeting at 10 Downing Street in February, 1986.

Mr Molyneaux added that from the outset of the negotiations it had been clear that a stage would be reached where the Secretary of State should become involved. Yesterday was felt to be that appropriate time.

A further meeting is to be arranged next month *but it* was not specified in the communiqué whether Mr King would be present.

Meanwhile, in a follow-up to Mr King's initiative last week in establishing a community relations unit at Stormont, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Education Minister, announced the Government will make available an additional £250,000 for organizations in the Province working with young people.

Dr Mawhinney said that most people wanted no part of any attempt to bomb or bully their neighbour.

Power supply union warns minister over break-up of CEGB

By Roland Rudd and Philip Webster

Electricity industry unions yesterday warned Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, that any attempt to break up the Central Electricty Generating Board would lead him into trouble.

The warning came as ministers discussed the sell-off at *the first collective ministerial* meeting on the projected £15 billion flotation. Rigorous safeguards for the consumer will be built into the legislation privatizing the electricity industry, it emerged after the talks.

The meeting at Chequers took place against a barrage of public criticism of the performance of British Telecom which some ministers fear is damaging the reputation of the Government's privatization programme.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher chaired the meeting, which had the first look at the options for the electricity sell-off, the biggest yet to be undertaken by the Government.

Mr Parkinson presented a series of possibilities for the sale, all aimed at achieving a degree of genuine competition into the industry and preventing it from effectively becoming a private monopoly, along the lines of Telecom and British Gas.

The meeting, attended by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Young of Graffham,, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the first of several before the issue even goes to a Cabinet committee, and the Cabinet itself.

No decisions were taken and it was agreed that further work would be undertaken within the Department of Energy, before the extent of the break-up would bedeter mined.

As the ministers met, Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association, and secretary of the Federation of Unions Supplying Electricity, warned Mr Parkinson that the eight unions in the industry are not prepared to accept the break up of the CEGB into separate companies.

The unions have also warned that they will take a wide range of effective measures to safeguard their interests if the Government presses ahead with its preferred option of breaking up the industry.

Mr Wyn Bevan, a member of the electricians' executive, said: "We cannot rule out industrial action if the jobs and security of our members are threatened by this mindless act of privatization."

The Engineers and Managers Association, with the backing of the other unions concerned, submitted a paper to Mr Parkinson setting out the reasons why it opposes the breaking up of the CEGB.

Mrs Celia Pillay, the association's national resarch officer, said: "We believe electricity would be the exception to the rule that competition reduces prices.

"Effective competition in electricity does not exist anywhere in the world. Why should the consumer be asked to take a leap in the dark and believe it would work here?"

The paper was prepared by the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, a constituent part of the EMA, which represents the entire engineering and scientific staffs of the industry as well as most of its managers.

The Government's overriding commitment "to developing abundant, low-cost supplies of nuclear electricity" cannot be achieved by breaking up the CEGB, the paper says.

Breaking up the CEGB would create "unprecedented staffing complexities. The association will not accept any *concept of compulsory* redundancy."

Meanwhile the Government faces strong opposition tomorrow to its plans to privatize the water industry.

The water authorities meeting in London are expected to resist its plans to hive off water management powers to a state body, the National Rivers Authority.

The Labour Party urged the Government to halt its privatization plans. Mr Tony Blair, spokesman on trade, said there were inadequate safeguards for the consumer.

He said that once the gift-wrapping of the underpriced shares was removed the appalling consequences for the consumer became plain to see.

"Unless we want our electricity and water to go the way of our telephones – public opinion must be mobilized to force the Government to climb down."

Private jails 'unacceptable'

By *David Sapsted*

Prison officers said yesterday that they would fight any attempt by the Government to introduce private prisons in Britain.

The warning came on the day when two of the country's largest construction groups, Mowlem and Sir Robert McAlpine, confirmed they *had formed* Britain's first consortium to build and manage private jails in Britain.

Mr John Bartell, national chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, described the idea of private jails as completely unacceptable.

"We are very hostile to such proposals. They seem like a red herring put forward by the Government as a deliberately-contrived policy to conceal the existing mismanagement in our prisons", he said.

The association is circulating documents to MPs which cast doubt on the validity of the private prison experiment in 14 low-security American jails. The association has also just completed a report claiming that there are 3,000 vacant places

Prison officers' opposition to privatization is shared by prison reform groups but both Mowlem and McAlpine insisted yesterday that their joint venture was doing no more than studying feasibility. *A spokesman for the group* admitted, however, that it had established links with the Corrections Corporation of America, the largest operator of private prisons

Duchess's romantic style

The Duchess of York, resplendent in an Edwardian romantic style hat, visiting the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, yesterday. The Duke and Duchess later toured the city's Northern General Hospital and the offices of The Star newspaper.

Election inquest

Labour reviews party policy

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party last night set in hand a review of the programme on which it fought the general election after brushing aside a warning from the far left against abandoning unpopular policies in the pursuit of approval from the media.

Labour's home policy committee gave overwhelming backing to a three-year plan aimed at producing a new statement of party policy by 1990. Defence policy will be included in the rethink.

It supported the plan put forward by Mr Tom Sawyer, chairman of the committee, in consultation with Mr Neil Kinnock, for Labour to embark *on a "consult-the-people"* exercise to discover the electorate's main concerns and to set up a series of policy review groups aimed at making Labour's values relevant to the majority of the population in the 1990s.

As it did so the hard left again flexed its muscles, with Mr Tony Benn, the veteran left-winger and MP for Chesterfield, submitting to the national executive committee a far left socialist alternative to the course on which the party appears likely to embark.

In a document entitled *The Aims and Objectives of the Labour Party* Mr Benn put forward a series of controversial proposals, including departure from Nato, the phasing out of nuclear power, the abolition of the Lords, the "democratization" of the magistracy, and supervision of the judiciary by introducing assessors into the High Court.

His most outspoken suggestion was that Labour must assert the right of all people to follow their own conscientious beliefs even if it involved them in breaking the law.

"While there may be a legal obligation to obey the law *there is no moral obligation* to obey unjust laws; but we also know that those who break the law on moral grounds may face punishment for those beliefs, and the final verdict on their actions will rest with the public and with history."

Mr Benn's views are dismissed by the majority of his national executive colleagues, but he and others on the far left are determined to voice them as the rethink gets under way.

The conference which Mr Benn is organizing in his constituency next month will be a focus of far left discontent over what it terms the party's present "retreatism."

Mr Benn said in his paper: "There is a real risk that if we are seen to be abandoning our faith in the search for media approval we could be seen as a purely opportunistic party that is prepared to say anything to get into office and is ready to sacrifice good policies when the opinion polls swing against us."

The committee approved a detailed timetable for the rethink. The party will immediately start organizing a series of "Labour listens" events across the country to hear the public's concerns, and the work of the policy review groups will begin.

There will be a preliminary report to the 1988 party conference, but in the following year the work of the policy groups will be turned into a broad programme statement for the 1989 conference. The *final statement of policy will* be approved in 1990 and, armed with it, the party will swiftly start the next election campaign, selling its new ideas to the public.

Fears for credit card users

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Hundreds of thousands of credit card users could face repayment difficulties if a scheme were adopted to treble the minimum monthly repayment, a leading card company claimed yesterday.

Mr Tommy Macpherson, chairman of the national council of the Chambers of Commerce, put forward the scheme in a letter to Mr Nigel Lawson, *Chancellor of the* Exchequer.

It urged that instead of raising interest rates to reduce booming credit demand, the Government should discourage credit card use by increasing the minimum monthly repayment from 5 per cent to 15 per cent of the balance.

Barclaycard, the largest single credit card operator in Britain said it would oppose such an unrealistic and harmful scheme. Although 43 per cent of its nine million customers paid off their debit balance in full every month, hundreds of thousands repaid between 5 and 15 per cent. These people would be affected by a change in the minimum repayment requirement.

Barclaycard said that a similar scheme to increase the minimum in the early 1970s had led to a sudden increase in defaults and repayment problems. The problem could be worse now, it said.

Midland Bank was cautious *about the scheme. It believed* that if card users were given six months warning, an increase in the monthly minimum could have a beneficial effect on limiting credit expansion.

Britain has more than 20 million credit cards, more per adult than any other European country.

The Chambers of Commerce put forward the plan to persuade Mr Lawson to hold back on future interest rate rises. The Government has shown increasing concern at the steady rise in consumer credit and businessmen fear he will increase interest rates to hold back credit demand.

BR staff approached on cutting 2,000 jobs

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail has taken the first steps towards reducing its administrative staff by 2,000 in the present financial year.

It has started approaching staff to see which people would wish to accept voluntary redundancy or early retirement if it were available.

Letters have been sent to 450 members of the regional operations managers staff at the Southern Region headquarters at Waterloo station, London. It is thought that similar letters will be sent to staff in administrative departments

Southern Region said the letters were sent without commitment on either side. They merely gave those who might be interested in leaving the service, if redundancy or early retirement became available, the opportunity of indicating that interest.

Mr Richard Rosser, assistant general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, said the union regretted British Rail's plans to reduce the number of administrative staff, but if jobs were to go it was preferable that people should go voluntarily. The decision to seek the reduction of 2,000 this year was disclosed by British Rail when its annual report was published in July.

Tamils are urged to go home

The 150 Tamils seeking political asylum in Britain will be asked to return voluntarily to Sri Lanka, the Home Office said yesterday.

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, is visiting Sri Lanka and says conditions there are *much improved.*

"Five months ago the talk was of fear of going out at night, terrorism, disorder and guns", he said.

Since then, there had been meetings with two citizens' committees when the discussion had turned to rehabilitation and other topics, such as getting the fishing industry restarted and the schools open.

The Tamils were beginning to come back in fairly large numbers from southern India, he added.

"I hope that there are many more, including those in the United Kingdom, who will want to come back to help with redevelopment.

"What we have got to do is to think of imaginative ways of helping them to return voluntarily, of making it easier for them to come back, returning possibly in one group, rather than singly. That may be less disconcerting."

Mr Renton said he would discuss the possibilities with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary and Home Office officials on his return to Britain.

Causes and cures in epilepsy remain elusive

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

About 300,000 people in Britain, a third of them children, suffer from epilepsy and 30,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. In spite of advances in treatment, there is no cure, although the condition can be controlled with drugs.

Apart from the condition itself, people prone to epilepsy also have to suffer stigmas which limit their working and social lives. "Their biggest handicap is other people's attitudes", Mrs Carole Carey-Campbell, of the British Epilepsy Association, said yesterday.

About one person in 200 is likely to develop epilepsy, making it the second most common neurological disorder after migraine.

The condition may be hereditary or provoked by tumours, inflammation or injury to the brain. Epileptic fits result from sudden abnormal discharges of energy in the brain, producing loss of consciousness and convulsions.

Blows to the head could have caused the epilepsy in Terry Marsh, the boxer, Dr Jeffrey Cundy, consultant anaesthetist at the Lewisham Hospital, south London, and a member of the British Medical Association's boxing working party, said yesterday.

"Roughly 20 per cent of those who have been boxing for some time have abnormal electrical activity in the brain, which is linked with epilepsy", he said.

Epilepsy has been recognized for thousands of *years. Socrates, Alexander the* Great and Julius Caesar were afflicted by it but in spite of twentieth-century advances in treatment, the causes and a cure remain elusive.

The attacks can be sudden and severe, and sufferers are barred from a number of occupations. They are not allowed to join the armed forces, the merchant navy or the police.

They cannot become bus or lorry drivers but they can get a private vehicle driving licence provided a doctor confirms that for two years they have been free of fits while awake.

Many people with epilepsy only have fits while they sleep, *and they too can get a driving* licence if their doctor confirms that has been the case for three years.

The two common forms of epileptic seizure are often called *le grand mal,* which involves a sudden convulsive attack lasting some minutes or only a few seconds before gradually subsiding, and *le petit mal,* which is less severe, and lacks convulsions. The sufferer may even be unaware that it has happened.

Both are treated with drugs such as phenytoin and carbamazepine. "They provide effective control to at least 75 per cent of patients 75 per cent of the time", Dr Maurice Parsonage, a specialist in Leeds, said yesterday.

Mr Alec Aspinall, chief executive of the British Epilepsy Association, which has its headquarters in Leeds, said: "Unfortunately medical progress has not been matched by social enlightenment. The stigmas of epilepsy persist."

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Cleveland doctors rejected plea to limit abuse cases

By Peter Davenport

The two doctors at the centre of the child sexual abuse controversy in Cleveland rejected an appeal to cut back on their diagnoses, an inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Michael Bishop, the director of social services for Cleveland, said he made his request to the consultant paediatricians, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, because the rapid increase in alleged cases was placing serious strain on his department.

They told him the request was not "professionally acceptable". They believed that the detection of sexual abuse was an important breakthrough that could explain many health problems which had not responded to treatment.

Within days of Mr Bishop's appeal, 37 place of safety orders were taken out, between June 12 and 16, and 18 children were admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital over one weekend as a result of diagnoses of suspected sexual abuse.

Mr Bishop told the inquiry, under Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss: "This rapid rise over a very short period stretched the department's resources to the ultimate and resulted in a large number of children accommodated in the hospital on place of safety orders awaiting further detailed work with the children and their parents by social work staff.

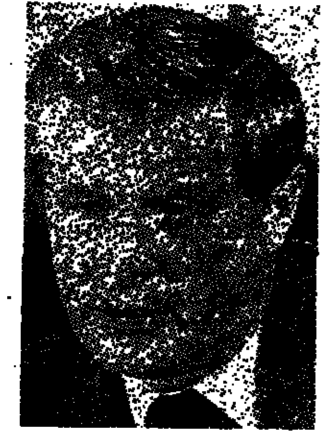
"At that time I did not have the resources to provide the normal consultation and interviewing that I would have expected after a diagnosis had been made.

"In my opinion it is likely that this rapid increase in diagnoses and place of safety orders over a five-day period, and the consequent delay in explaining the situation to parents and children, provided the seeds of massive discontent, parental concern and the enormous outcry which ensued."

The meeting with Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt, Mr Bishop said, took place between June 1 and 12 when they called at his office and insisted on speaking only to him. They wanted to praise his department for its firm reaction to their diagnoses.

Both doctors assured him they would not examine children for sexual abuse as a matter of routine but if a child had been referred with some form of long-standing complaint and other causes could not be established, sexual abuse would be considered as a possible cause and investigated.

The two doctors asked for more money and effort to ensure that the opportunity was not missed to create a new, integrated service to identify and combat the effects of child sexual abuse.



Mr Bishop, who faced a growing crisis.

Mr Bishop said he could not interfere with the clinical judgement of paediatricians and turned to the Social Services Inspectorate of the Department of Health and Social Security to try to introduce a system of second opinions.

By June 17, the crisis had reached to the point where all the council's foster homes were full and children's homes almost full as a result of sexual abuse cases. Social services, Mr Bishop said, were on the verge of being unable to cope.

In 52 pages of written evidence, Mr Bishop described a social services department that before April had been regarded as positive and forward looking in its commitment to child care; recruited qualified staff and — after the report on the death in London of Jasmine Beckford — formed policies to provide the best possible level of child care in an area acknowledged as being deprived.

Despite a difference of opinion about the correctness of the diagnoses by the two consultants, social services had little option but to initiate legal action.

Mr Bishop said the department now believed child care work, particularly with high-risk families, should be placed within a legal framework with appropriate court consideration of the best way to provide a protective environment for a child.

On June 24, Mr Bishop said, a group of children previously diagnosed by the consultants as suffering from sexual abuse were examined by independent experts on behalf of the parents who contradicted the findings.

Mr Bishop went on to outline the emergency measures taken by social services to cope with the crisis, including the allocation of extra money, staff, and the recruitment of more foster parents.

The introduction of a panel of doctors to provide second opinions was delayed because of objections by parents to some of its members, he said.

On July 1, a team from the Social Services Inspectorate began an investigation into the handling of the crisis in Cleveland to prepare a report for ministers.

Among its findings was a clear identification of a breakdown in working relationships between consultant paediatricians and police surgeons over their right of access to see children suspected of being victims of abuse. Mr Bishop said yesterday that working relationships between his department and the police were now good.

The prime objective of his department had been the protection of children who had been allegedly abused and to make the most appropriate provision for them and to make sure that the allegations were considered by the relevant court.

He added: "At the very heart of this inquiry is the question as to how children can be best protected against any form of abuse. It is not the interest of doctors, social workers, the police, lawyers, or even parents that can have the overriding priority."

Reunited family thanks Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday met the Soviet economist and his British-born wife whom he helped to reunite after a three-year separation (Our Political Correspondent writes).

Mr Sasha Blonsky arrived in Britain at the weekend after a campaign by Mr Kinnock and other Labour leaders for him to be granted an exit visa

Mr Blonsky, aged 32, married Miss Jill Parry in Moscow in 1982. Their daugher, Zhenya, now aged five, (seen left with Mr Kinnock), was born there.

After he graduated in 1984, Mr Blonsky was sent back to his home town of Rezina, in Moldavia, in accordance with Soviet law.

His wife became ill and had to resign her job to return to Britain for treatment, but the Soviet authorities refused Mr Blonsky an exit visa because he had served in the Russian army from 1975 to 1977.

Mr Kinnock raised the case with Soviet leaders in 1984 and subsequently during meetings with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

The Labour leader, welcoming the family yesterday on the terrace of the Commons, said: "There are 130 British families divided. This is a sign of hope for them and a demonstration of the way attitudes in the Soviet administration are moving."

Mr Blonsky said: "I cannot find words enough to thank Mr Kinnock and his colleagues."

Police conference

Fingerprint file goes on line

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The first step towards a national computerized system for automatically matching criminals' fingerprints was yesterday announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, at the opening of a conference in London.

He also said that all forensic science laboratories would soon be using the new biological method of identification, genetic fingerprinting.

Speaking at Ipec '87, the International Police Exhibition and Conference, Mr Hurd said automatic fingerprint recognition, AFR, is to have trials at Scotland Yard and with Hertfordshire police.

The system could eventually link every force in *Britain by computer to the* national fingerprint collection, where the records of 3.5 million convicted criminals are held.

Detectives will be able to input prints found at the scene of a crime and the computer will then produce up to 10 sets of similar prints. Last year 40,000 criminals were identified by prints.

The genetic fingerprinting works by the analysis of genes in the DNA molecule which are unique to individuals and easily located in samples of body fluids.

Mr Hurd said the pace of progress would not slow and there were huge changes to come in the next 10 years, including direct computer access for officers on the beat.

The importance of technology was that it freed the police officer from many manual chores or bureaucratic duties. Mr Hurd said: "You are liberating the police to do their job with the community.

"It used to be argued that *community* policing is soft policing. I hope and think that argument has died away. Community policing is informed and intelligent policing by people who know what is going on down there on the ground."

It was not something that could be left to coast along. Mr Hurd said: "It is an uphill task which needs a low gear and plenty of horsepower".

Looking at crime prevention, which was another key area of police work, Mr Hurd said he had already had talks with Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, about greater involvement of school children.

The Home Secretary was speaking after touring an exhibition at the Barbican in London of equipment made by more than 150 companies.

One criticism of the high-tech displays came from Mr Alan Eastwood, deputy chairman of the Police Federation. He said: "It is unfortunate that the police service is being dehumanized by technology and fire-power.

"It is frightening for a service that hardly fires a shot that the Association of Chief Police Officers (sponsors of Ipec '87) puts on an exhibition dominated by the gun trade and defensive weaponry.

Tobacco heir lied to police

Mr Christopher Dunhill, the tobacco heir, yesterday admitted lying to police when they seized stolen carpets and tapestries worth up to £70,000 in a drugs raid on his flat.

Drugs squad officers found the goods, stolen from Christie's the auctioneers, after catching Mr Dunhill, aged 32, of Spencer Court, Marble Place, St Johns Wood, north London, supplying cocaine to a friend, it was said.

He told detectives, who also discovered four tablets of another drug, that he was looking after the two Persian carpets and 39 tapestries

Mr Dunhill, grandson of Alfred Dunhill, the founder of the £1,002 million tobacco empire, told Knightsbridge Crown Court, central London, that he had bought them legally on behalf of a friend. He admitted he was a discharged bankrupt but said he was not short of money at the time. He denies handling the stolen tapestries and carpets.

The case continues today.

Private members' ballot

New abortion Bill likely

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A Bill to stop doctors performing late abortions is likely to be introduced by Mr David Alton, Liberal MP for Mossley Hill.

It will probably call for the deadline for abortions to be brought forward from 28 to 20 weeks to take account of the greater chance of a five-month-old foetus being born alive through advances in medical practice.

The Bill is drawn third in the ballot for private member's Bills which guarantees a full debate on his measure in Parliament this session.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher unexpectedly disclosed her sympathy this summer for a move to reduce the time limit for abortions from the present 28 weeks into pregnancy to 24 weeks.

Mr Alton has spent the summer talking to those involved and visiting hospitals and clinics before deciding on the final terms of his Bill. He said he was anxious that it should satisfy as many people as possible to stand a fair chance of becoming law.

The Royal College of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians has recommended that as a general rule a baby is now capable of being born alive after 24 weeks' gestation.

The Department of Health and Social Security has a "gentlemen's agreement" with private clinics which states that they should not terminate pregnancies after 24 weeks or they could lose their licences.

However, witnesses to a House of Lords' committee have said that no checks are made on a pregnant woman's dates and that there is no evidence of women being turned away because it was found they were more than 24 weeks' pregnant.

National Health Service hospitals carry out about 30 abortions a year on mothers who are more than 24 weeks pregnant and many more are performed between 20 and 24 weeks of pregnancy.

The main reasons given for late abortions are the discovery of severe abnormalities; teenagers who do not realize they are pregnant until well advanced; and administrative delays.

A Bill which cuts the deadline to 24 weeks, is already in the House of Lords. It was referred to an all-party committee of peers

The peers were dismayed to discover both the confusion in the present abortions laws and the lack of scrutiny to check they are obeyed. But the general election cut short their investigation and they published their evidence without making any firm recommendations.

Judges are named in writs

Two senior judges were yesterday among six defendants in a defamation case brought by a barrister.

Lord Justice Ackner, QC, and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, QC, Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court, are being sued for damages by Mr Roger Prince, of Southwark, south London.

The action arises from a complaint made in 1985 by a judge at Reading Crown Court about Mr Prince's professional conduct. An inquiry was launched by the Bar and potential witnesses contacted by post. It is those letters that form the basis of Mr Prince's case.

Mr Prince asked the High Court to stop a disciplinary hearing of the Bar from sitting this week as he claimed some of the alleged defamatory remarks would be repeated and could prejudice later trials, but Mr Justice Millett refused

Increase in lorry size ruled out

Any increase in the maximum weight of lorries in the near future was ruled out yesterday by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport

Mr Channon was speaking at the national conference of the National Freight Association at Stratford-upon-Avon after the launch of an association campaign to raise the present 38-tonne maximum to 40 tonnes.

The association said the increase would bring Britain into line with EEC standards and would enable them to compete on more equal terms with continental hauliers. Although the lorries would be heavier they would not differ in size.

However, Mr Channon said: "There is some concern among the public about heavy lorries and I understand that concern. A great deal of assessment and strengthening work would be needed before our older bridges could carry heavier lorries."

Parents accused of racism

By Ian Smith

Parents who have refused to send their children to a mainly Asian junior school in Dewsbury, west Yorkshire, were yesterday accused of inciting racial hatred.

A petition drafted by the Dewsbury and Batley Anti-Fascist Action Group condemned the parents who refused to send 26 children to the town's Headfield middle school.

The petition, signed by more than 800 people, accuses the parents' actions of having racial overtones

The group met on Sunday with parents of Headfield middle school pupils. Yesterday it urged Kirklees Education Authority not to waver in its determination to refuse the pupils, aged between seven and eight, access to Overthorpe junior school.

As they arrived there with their parents yesterday, entry was blocked by the headmaster. For the second day, classes were held in a makeshift classroom in the function room of a public house under the tuition of a retired headmaster.

Mr Eric Haley, the parents' spokesman who runs the public house, denied that the parents were acting out of racial prejudice

Throughout their campaign to have their children educated in the school of their choice, he said, they had gone to great lengths to ensure they were not linked with any group which advocated racial discord.

Leaflets from the National Front had been ripped up and so would be a copy of the Anti-Fascist petition

Five other retired teachers have volunteered to take classes at his public house and their help will be used if parents' plans to march on Downing Street and hand their own petition to the Prime Minister does not achieve the result they want.

The Suffolk resort of Southwold is ready to close down today in united defiance of a plan to close its high school.

Shops will shut and the bells of the parish church peel to speed a determined contingent of the town's 5,000 population on its way to lobby councillors at the county town of Ipswich. There, a council sub-committee will decide whether to accept a working party recommendation to close Reydon High School.

The school, which was founded at the turn of the century, has 262 pupils aged 11 to 16. The county council's working party wants it closed in 1990 and the children transferred to middle schools nine miles away at Halesworth and Worlingham.

"The school is too small to offer a curriculum that is sufficiently broad, balanced and differentiated even with the present level of staffing subsidy and there is no realistic prospect of strengthening it by catchment change or natural growth", the council says.

Mr Peter Baker, the headmaster, said: "The school is very much a school of the community, and the community is showing whole-hearted support for its aims and objectives. There is considerable depth of feeling."

Rail crash van 'drove through lights'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

An accident that killed nine people at an unmanned level crossing happened because a van was driven past warning lights, an official report has concluded.

It supports the conclusions of an earlier study of the accident, at Lockington in east Yorkshire, that barriers are the best way to persuade drivers that they must stop at warning lights.

Thoughtless road users who did not report deficiencies in the crossing, and British Rail's lack of a proper system for recording and replying to complaints are also criticized in the report, which says that the warning lights may have failed to work properly on a number of occasions.

Drivers appeared to dislike, distrust, and be ignorant about the crossing, which was installed at Lockington in early 1986, the report of the Department of Transport's public inquiry into the accident says.

It recommends the closure of two of four crossings — of which Lockington is one — within two miles of each other, though it does not specify which.

The van, driven by Mr Malcolm Ashley, who lives near the crossing, was ripped into five parts by the impact of the collision in July last year, and the four cars of the train were derailed. Out of 59 people who were taken to hospital 10 were detained.

The report suggests that Mr Ashley may have been distracted by his foster son or his dog, who were in the van with him, and did not look at the road traffic-light signals.

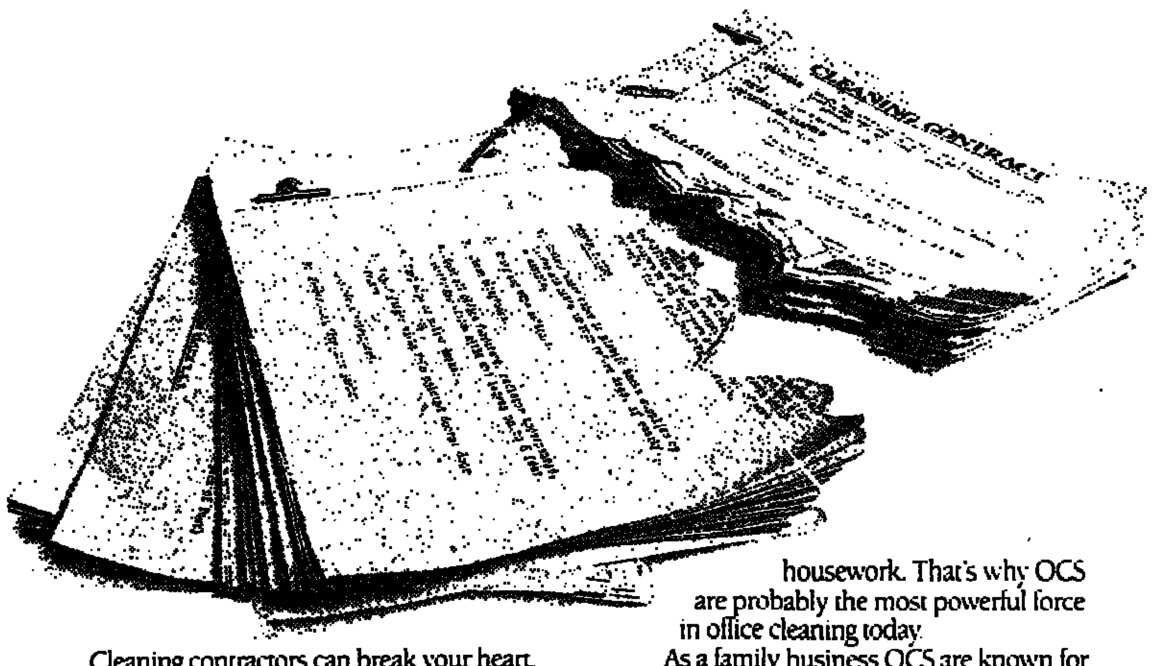
The van crossed the path of a train too late for the train driver to be able to avoid a crash.

The earlier study into the safety of automatic open level crossings, by Professor Peter Stott of London University, was published last month and concluded that collisions on such crossings were almost always due to the failure of vehicle drivers to observe the signals.

He found that that collisions at these crossings were 20 times more frequent in relation to traffic density than at the more heavily used automatic half-barrier crossings, but he concluded that 70 per cent of the existing open crossings were appropriate. He said there should be a five-year programme either to convert the other open crossings to automatic half barriers or to reduce train speeds.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, has already announced that he will consider implementing that recommendation.

Railway Accident: Report on the Collision and subsequent derailment that occurred on 26th July 1986 at Lockington Level Crossing (Stationery Office, £5.10).



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Owenite 'rump' party 'supported by the Tories'

Support for an Owenite rump party came from Conservative and Labour voters, not from the Alliance, **Mrs Shirley Williams**, president of the SDP, told Liberals in a warmly received speech. She also spoke of the self-immolation of Dr Owen.

She drew attention to yesterday's Gallup poll, which, she said, showed "that the Alliance bedrock vote was a fifth of the population — not bad after all we've been through — and that potential support for an Owenite party came from Conservative and Labour voters rather than Alliance ones".

The Liberal Party, in its long and proud past, had responded to the challenges of history. "Together with its Social Democrat allies, I have no doubt the Liberal Party will respond again."

She referred to Lord Beveridge and Lord Keynes and an earlier social revolution. And she drew laughter from delegates when she observed: "And don't forget that the Prime Minister tries not only to wear the hat of Lord Beveridge but also the cassock of St Francis of Assisi."

Earlier, **Mrs Williams**, referring to the recent SDP conference in Portsmouth, said: "The events were painful and damaging. But the party survived. It survived even the self-immolation of its leader, David Owen."

She was grateful that Liberals had not retaliated in the face of sometimes wounding and ungrateful attacks.

The go-it-alone Social Democrats would be absolutely entitled to denounce the outcome of the negotiations that a majority of members had voted for if they felt the outcome to be unsatisfactory. "But they are not entitled to dismiss, in advance, the outcome of a ballot held at a time of their choosing and on questions they agreed to."

In doing so, these Social Democrats had let down the seven million men and women who voted for the Alliance at the general election.

"Those voters believed what we said about 'a partnership of principle', about the capacity of two parties to work together. Some of us believe it to this day. We meant exactly what we said."

Liberals had suggested that individual members and bodies within the parties should be able to make representations to the negotiating committee. But why not go one step further and invite members to hearings conducted in the major regional centres in England by committee members?

She hoped that the Scottish Liberal Party and the Welsh Liberal Party would wish to join their SDP colleagues for similar hearings in Scotland and Wales.

It would be easier to take on board members' views early in the negotiations.

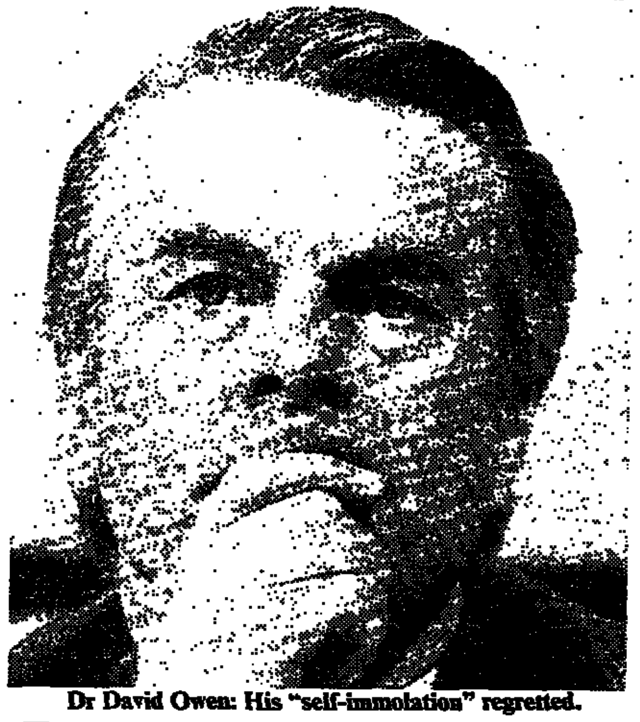
"No one should underestimate the rocks and sandbanks through which we have to navigate". **Mrs Williams** said. "Our political opponents want to see the ship wrecked even before it sets sail."

Thatcherism dominated the British political scene because a majority of the electorate was better off and enjoyed the fruits of home ownership and wider shareholding. But the new economic reality was not just a rediscovery of market forces. It was about a new industrial revolution.

"The information society, the shape of the future, is decentralized, anti-authoritarian, classless. Its lifeblood is the free flow of information, its watchwords are teamwork and partnership.

"The new party, born of Liberal and Social Democratic parents, will be the party of that society, the one to which we are moving from the centralized, concentrated capitalism of the Thatcher era.

"It is a society that needs well educated, highly skilled people. It is a society that encourages enterprise and imagination. It is a society that trusts people to make decisions for themselves."



Dr David Owen: His "self-immolation" regretted.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Competition is praised

Liberals and Social Democrats needed to put the concept of competition at the very heart of industrial policy, **Mrs Shirley Williams**, president of the SDP, told a fringe meeting at the conference.

She said that they should directly challenge the Conservative Party on its obvious compromises with competitiveness.

Speaking to a commission on the City that will report to the assembly on Friday, she said that in some cases of privatization, certainly in the case of British Telecom, there had been a willingness to sell shares at an unrealistic price in terms of the company's assets in order to ensure success.

The Government's political imperatives of getting revenue from the privatizing of public assets had taken first place over thinking through a long-term successful policy to use the nation's assets in the most effective way.

"The mess up that is now BT and, to some extent, British Gas reflects those political imperatives and not the imperatives of a real economy", she said.

They had ended up with a quasi-monopoly in the private sector that was previously in the public sector.

The same was about to happen to the Central Electricity Generating Board. She did not believe that the Government would grasp the nettle and permit inter-regional competition.

The big corporations were not, in many cases, subject to the full play of market forces.

There were some areas where consumers were so weak that the state had to step in. To talk about a free market in nursing homes for the elderly was to talk utter rubbish.

She said that American company accounts had a section to deal with expenditure on research and development. There was no requirement in Britain to give any kind of mention to spending on reserach and development.

Even worse, there was no requirement of any kind on Britain's companies to take account of the development of human resources.

Accountants who tried to assess the value of a company in the "information age" without taking into account its human resources were living in a nineteenth-century first industrial revolution, not in the twentieth-century second industrial revolution.

The average expenditure of training and retraining in the US was more than three cents a wage hour. In Britain it was under 0.2 cents.

Liberals and Social Democrats who accepted the market but believed that the word "social" meant something serious should address three things:

● the question of concentration of power and how the public and private sectors could be made effectively competitive;

● the issue of weak consumers and areas where the market did not operate; and

● how the market in Britain could be made to recognize that long-term investment included investment in human resources.

Speakers from Ulster

By Our Political Reporter

The first meeting at a British party political conference to be addressed by representatives from both sides of the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland is to be held at the Liberal Assembly tomorrow amid strict security.

The meeting is to be addressed by Mr Ken Maginnis, the Official Unionist MP, Mr Seamus Mallon, the SDLP MP, and Mr John Cushnahan, leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland until forced by financial considerations to resign last week.

Disruption has been threatened by an Ulster organization called the Campaign for Equal Citizenship, which has been denied a place on the platform after claims that it is supported by paramilitary groups.

The campaign believes in integration, not devolution, and wants British political parties to organize in Northern Ireland. It is hostile to the Liberals' federal relationship with the Alliance Party.

The meeting, which will attempt to look beyond the immediate controversy over the Anglo-Irish agreement to future prospects for the province, will be open only to registered delegates to the assembly

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

The warmth of the reception given to Mrs Shirley Williams yesterday was an indication of where Liberal hearts lie. Most of them want to merge and they expect to do so. So they greeted the SDP President as the voice of those Social Democrats to whom they are looking forward to being joined in political wedlock.

But the test for Liberals this week will be where their heads are. Do they understand the particular challenge they face as they begin the process of creating a new party?

As I have talked to them here over the past two days it has seemed to me that many of them are tending to overstate the strength of their position.

It is not that they are ungenerous towards the majority of Social Democrats. It is rather that they are inclined to regard compromise as an act of deliberate generosity rather than necessity on their part.

If this is the attitude in the merger discussions to which the whole of today's proceedings will be devoted it will be a serious mistake. The critical question in the negotiations between the two parties will be whether terms can be agreed that will attract an overwhelming majority of Social Democrats.

That is why the argument over the place of policy in the discussions is so important. Most Liberals do not want more than a general statement of principles which could be included in a new party's constitution.

In terms of strict logic they are right. No political party can have its policies determined in advance and for ever. It must be free to respond to changing circumstances and even to change its mind.

But there are also political realities. If no assurances on policy are given in advance, beyond the most general principles, many wavering Social Democrats will refuse to move over to a new party. Indeed, after his speech at Portsmouth, it is hard to see how the new SDP leader, Mr Robert Maclennan, could even commend a merger to his party.

It would be a mistake to assume that most Social Democrats now have no alternative to joining forces with the Liberals. If the terms are not attractive, more of them will stay with Dr Owen and many of them may drift out of politics altogether.

The Liberals have always had as strong a reason as their partners for drawing as many Social Democrats as possible into a new party. Only a genuine merger, as distinct from a mere expansion of the Liberal Party, could stand much chance of appealing to the British public.

But there is now also the challenge posed by the Owenites. Their threat to run a number of Parliamentary candidates in opposition to a new party does not seem to me an idle one. They will probably have to do so if they have hopes of establishing a Parliamentary bridgehead beyond the three sitting Owenite MPs.

A new party will have no inclination to allow Owenite candidates a clear run in 20 to 30 seats. It may be reluctant even to give the Owenite MPs a clear run. The only way to induce a merged party to accept an electoral pact would be for the Owenites to demonstrate that their intervention could prevent either centre party winning.

This points to the possibility of some bloody by-elections over the next few years. The outcome could well be to leave the centre of British politics as an area of devastation.

The best way for a new party to avoid such a challenge from the Owenites, or to beat it off within a reasonable time if it cannot be avoided, would be to take a large majority of Social Democrats into the merger — a much larger majority than the 57 per cent who voted in favour of negotiations in the SDP ballot.

This means being responsive to Social Democrat sensitivies in the negotiations. It is in the interests of the Liberals themselves not to give the impression now of seeking a takeover.

Lord Tordoff: "Our friends in the SDP have had a very rough time".

CALL TO SDP

Alton makes a final appeal to avoid division

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip, made a final appeal last night to Dr David Owen's hard-core supporters within the SDP to think again about their opposition to joining a new merged party.

As he did so, his close political colleague, Mr Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale, backed the appeal with a warning that the new party would have to be "ruthless" in crushing any breakaway Owenite faction.

Flanked by senior Liberal MPs, Mr Alton used a fringe rally at the Liberal Assembly to emphasize that the door was still open to the Owenites but that the alternative was to follow Dr Owen into either the political wilderness or the Conservative Party.

Mr Alton takes very seriously the public overtures that have been made to Dr Owen and his supporters recently by senior Conservatives such as Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Douglas Hurd and Mr Paul Channon.

He believes that Dr Owen has hankered for some time for an agreement with Mrs Margaret Thatcher and said last night: "I cannot believe people who worked hard for the Alliance cause in the last election did so believing they should move into a formal pact with Mrs Thatcher's Conservative Party".

In a speech aimed predominantly at those SDP members who voted for closer links with the Liberals rather than merger, but who may doubt the wisdom of forming a breakaway SDP, Mr Alton recalled how previous breakaway factions of the Liberal Party earlier this century had been subsumed by the Conservatives.

Once again the Conservatives wished to steal the Alliance's appeal, but if they managed to attract the Owenites they would "gobble them up and spit them out".

He hoped that those who were following Dr Owen were aware of where they were being led and appealed to them not to commit hara-kiri.

Mr Cyril Smith, making a brief but characteristically robust appearance at the annual assembly, said he believed that there had to be one party with one leader. It should make no electoral pacts with anyone. It had to create victory for itself

"That means taking on the lot — including the Owenites, or as I prefer to call them, the Sainsburyites, for he who pays the piper usually calls the tune. We've to be determined to stand and win, not pussyfoot with others . . . If we are not prepared to be ruthless there is no point in starting out on the road."

Don't let us get bogged down in policy, Tordoff tells delegates

Negotiations between Liberals and SDP should not get bogged down in policy matters, **Lord Tordoff**, Liberal Chief Whip in the House of Lords, said. He is to preside over the debate on future strategy and merger with the SDP today.

He said that they should concentrate on the main issues. Too much was at stake politically for the country for them to worry about precise constitutional details now.

"May I also suggest that we do not get bogged down in policy matters? The question of how many Tomahawks can be balanced on the point of a Trident has already taken up too much valuable time."

It should suffice that Liberals believed in collective security and wished to see more emphasis placed on general disarmament, a view that the party had held since at least 10 years before he was born.

"It would also, in my opinion, be a total waste of time if we bother to respond to some of the snide remarks made about us by those in the SDP who never had any time for us in the first place, other than to help them win their by-elections" (applause).

Their friends in the SDP had had a very rough time and deserved their sympathy and support (applause).

Anyone contemplating witty retorts to slights they might have received would do well to take a lead from Mrs Shirley Williams who, having been attacked by her former leader in the shabbiest, most unfair and most inaccurate way, had responded with a calm and dignity they would do well to emulate.

Today will be entirely devoted to a debate on the future strategy of the party, in effect the debate on merger with the SDP.

It will be in five sections: The Alliance before and during the election; Liberal values and objectives; A new party?; What kind of new party?; How do we get there?

The tone of discussions with friends and allies in the SDP was very important for their future relationship. He disliked the word *negotiations* which implied opposing teams sitting across a table trying to get the best result for their own side.

For that reason, he liked Mr Robert Maclennan's reference to "creative discussions" between the two parties because they had to be more creative in future.

They should talk about what they could contribute to the strength of a merged party rather than what points they could score off each other in negotiations.

"Those in both parties contemplating going it alone might do well to ponder the fate of a very great Liberal — Joe Chamberlain — who wantonly took himself off into the wilderness to his own loss and the nation's loss, all because of a wilful desire to have things only his way. I make no obvious comparisons."

The debate must be the beginning of a new phase in the development of Liberalism.

The task was to recapture the intellectual and moral high ground of politics. They had to be the major contributors to the creation of a political movement capable of putting an end to Thatcherism and providing a realistic and attractive alternative to a perpetual one-party state.

People made a big mistake in believing that Mrs Thatcher wished to return to a Victorian society. She wanted a return to the 1930s, sitting in a warm sepia-coloured glow at the feet of Alderman Roberts [her father], toasting teacakes and listening to *Toytown* (laughtger).

"She is not an Eminent Victorian at all. She is the last of the Ovaltinies" (laughter).

Whatever happened to the present Liberal Party, Liberals would still be seeking, in the words of the present constitution, a society in which none would be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Chamberlain warning to Owen

Members of the new party resulting from the merger of Liberals and Social Democrats at constituency level should decide whether they put up candidates against members of other parties, whoever those opponents might be, Mr Adrian Slade, president-elect of the Liberal Party, said when he opened the assembly.

Mr Slade was Liberal Alliance candidate at Wimbledon at the recent general election, chairman of London Liberal Party and former leader of the Alliance group on the Greater London Council.

He said that there was no place for personal aggrandizement in a fourth or fifth party rump, destined for extinction on the sidelines of the electoral system, discussing forthcoming merger negotations.

"I would refer David Owen and his friends to the fate of Chamberlain's Liberal Unionists, the National Liberals, the Commonwealth Party and more recently the Ecology Party at every national election it has fought.

"The moves of the separatists remind me of more fateful words of Captain Oates: 'I am going outside now and I may be some time' "(laughter).

Mr Slade, who takes up his role on Friday, said that he was being put in a remarkably hot seat at a remarkably warm moment in their political history. He was committed to merger and the creation of a new party with like-minded Social Democrats.

He was genuinely excited at the prospect of what, between them, they could achieve.

"All I fear are the stumbling blocks of pride that we may erect on the road to creating that single-minded movement. We are all guilty of it, Liberals and Social Democrats alike. We cling to our traditions, our detailed policies, our constitutional niceties, our titles if we have them.

"The future for us is unity, not separation. Let not *amour propre* and a love affair with our existing structures and policies stand in the way of the creation of a new party that could sweep the country before this century is out."

"The Rosie-fingered false dawns of separate development are not for us. We are together or we are nothing."

The Labour blip of June did not disguise the fact that Mr Kinnock's party was still in terminal decline. Only one miracle cure could save it: the failure of Liberals and Social Democrats to organize themselves into one effective radical force.

The Liberals and Social Democrats must put to the electorate one clear view of the society they wished to see, a vision that would in many respects be the antithesis of Thatcherism.

They had had to put up with much comment and criticism in the past few weeks.

Their opponents had belittled Liberal strength and achievement at every turn. More difficult to bear had been the attacks by those alongside whom they had fought and helped to get elected three months ago.

"Apparently to a few our integrity, predictability, and judgement have always been in question, not to mention our leaders, candidates and activists who are, it seems, as soft on the real issues as they are hard on internal negotiations."

The Liberal Party was not some soggy centre party, but a campaigning radical movement dedicated to replacing the Labour Party and defeating Conservatism.

FINANCES

Party 'is not bust'

The Liberal Party was not quite the poor church mouse it was often made out to be, **Mr Anthony Jacobs**, joint party treasurer said, presenting the annual accounts. He said that if locally held properties and assets had been shown in the accounts, he estimated they would be worth about £1 million.

"Do not let anyone suggest we are a financial liability. We can pay our way."

If every member who voted in the forthcoming ballot on merger were also to send a cheque for £10, the deficit of £300,000 would be wiped out at a stroke.

Sir Hugh Jones, the other joint treasurer, said: "We are not bust as a party, but it is far too close for comfort. We owe it to our guarantors who responded so splendidly to our appeal to them last year, to our bank who stood by us, and to our partners in merger, if that goes head, to redress the situation as speedily as we can and cut our coat according to our cloth.

Mrs Frances Foote Wood, honorary secretary, Northern Region, said that that region was unhappy about the present financial position. Processes were unclear. They remained dismayed by over-optimistic budgeting of the past few years.

Mr Christopher Fox, treasurer-elect, attacked some local parties for dodging payment of affiliation fees by printing their own membership cards and under-stating membership in order to reduce their liability for affiliation fees.

"We could have paid for a decent machine at the general election if you had played ball."

Mr Andy Ellis, secretary general of the party, said that 80,000 affiliation fees had been paid: 65,000 in England, 10,000 in Scotland and 5,000 in Wales.

They would need an annual budget of £1 million as a new party to provide for policy servicing, and for press and televison operations.

The accounts were approved.

MERGER TALKS

Big change for the negotiating team

By Our Political Reporter

Original Liberal ideas for the composition of its team to negotiate merger with the SDP were significantly amended earlier this week in order to send the right "message" to Social Democrats.

The national executive has announced that the team of eight will consist of: a nominee of the party leader, Mr David Steel; the new party president, Mr Adrian Slade; the party chairman, Mr Tim Clement-Jones; and five members to be elected by the assembly on Friday.

However, proposals put to the party's national executive at an eve-of-assembly meeting on Sunday were for all the team to be chosen by the executive and for Mr Alan Beith, the party's deputy leader, to be on the team in his capacity as chairman of the Liberal policy committee.

Mr Beith may still be on the team — either he or Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip, will probably be Mr Steel's nominee.

The executive also insisted that the assembly, as the party's sovereign body, should be able to appoint the five unnamed team members and that the elections should be held on Friday. That would make the point that the Liberals were serious about the negotiations.

The autonomous Scottish and Welsh Liberal parties have already decided to hold a ballot on the desirability of merger with the SDP, although if the vote is sufficiently overwhelming among the delegates on Thursday, the English Liberal Party may dispense with theirs. In any event the balloting process will be completed by the end of next month.

Negotiations will then begin and a special Liberal Assembly is to be held in January before a final ballot of all members in February.

SEAT DEMANDED

Women's threat to boycott new party

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Women in the Liberal Party threatened yesterday to boycott the new merged party unless they are allocated a seat at the negotiating table.

In outspoken attacks on the party's treatment of women, two leading Liberals warned Mr David Steel not to snub them in the discussions on the future.

The threat embarrassed and irritated senior officials who fear that it will open the way for the numerous factions in the party to demand individual places on the negotiating team which they hoped to keep down to eight, including two ex-officio members and a nominee of the party leader.

Negotiations have already been complicated by the disclosure by the party's national executive committee that separate negotiations will take place in Scotland and Wales as well as in London.

In a letter to the Liberal leader yesterday, Miss Christina Baron, president of the Women's Liberal Federation, stated: "If we do not have representation in the talks, the WLF will reserve the right to make its own decision on merger.

"We hope that we can avoid the unwelcome result of the WLF and the Liberal Party going their separate ways."

She asserted that the Liberal Party lacked commitment to women's interests while the new merged party will have the chance to make a fresh start.

Another leading Liberal woman, Miss Lesley Abdela, a founder of the 300 Group for equal representation of women in Parliament, also accused Mr Steel of "continuing to snub the women of the Liberal Party.

"He has completely ignored the women. Women activists were very frustrated by the fact that there were no women on the election team at all."

Assembly reports by John Winder, Derek Barnett and Peter Mulligan

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Scottish system for house sales can beat gazumping

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Scottish system of buying and selling houses does prevent gazumping, the Law Commission's conveyancing standing committee says in a report published today.

The report makes no recommendation about whether the Scottish system is better than that used in England and Wales but points out that it could be adopted without any change in the law.

In Scotland, contracts become binding quickly because the parties do not wait to form chains of linked transactions; but the date of completion of the transaction remains flexible to suit both parties.

Disadvantages of the system are that a seller risks having to part with his house before he has a replacement, and a buyer risks having to complete his purchase before selling his property. In addition, the sealed bid system can result in the successful purchaser paying over the odds.

If there is competition for a house, all potential purchasers may arrange surveys before bidding and all the fees paid are wasted except those paid by the successful bidder.

The Solicitors' Property Centres, in which solicitors' firms combine to offer estate agency services, already operate closer to the Scottish model and the formation of estate agency-conveyancer partnerships is currently under discussion. That, the committee says, would offer the ideal means to launch Scottish conveyancing in England and Wales.

Interest in the Scottish system has been renewed in recent months with the reappearance of gazumping, particularly in south-east England, and the Government has promised action to combat the practice.

Under the Scottish procedure, a solicitor (also acting as an estate agent) advertises the property with a guide price. He makes inquiries of the local authority and fixes a closing date by which purchasers must submit bids.

Prospective purchasers arrange surveys and submit sealed bids specifying the price and date when they want to complete the purchase, and perhaps proposing other conditions. The contract is binding as soon as the seller's solicitor accepts one of them.

The date of completion is arranged to suit both parties but once the contract is signed, they know with certainty that they will move.

Under the Scottish system, no deposit is paid, but the committee believes that if it were adopted in England and Wales there should be provision for a deposit of perhaps 10 per cent accompanying the sealed bid for the house.

The Law Society expressed concern that adoption of the Scottish system would bring freedom from gazumping at an unacceptable price to homebuyers in England and Wales.

It said that Scottish procedures were based on a type of blind auction leading to wasted expense for unsuccessful buyers, which could be avoided in England and Wales, and would remove the security given by synchronised sale and purchase. Those disadvantages might result in open-ended bridging finance or a period of homelessness.

House Selling the Scottish Way for England and Wales (The Law Commission, Conquest House, 37/38 John Street, Theobalds Road, London WC1N 2BQ; free).

More choice of homes for tenants

By Ian Smith

Tenants will be given much greater opportunity to choose their home or landlord in a new Housing Bill to be introduced to Parliament within the next three months.

Mrs Marion Roe, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Environment, said the Government was determined that families would no longer be restricted by local council rules which too often resulted in rundown estates from which tenants could not escape.

Mrs Roe, who was opening a one-day seminar in Leeds of local authority officials, building association representatives and private investors, said she had seen a dramatic change all over the country where homes on former council estates had been brought and renovated by tenants' co-operatives, housing associations or private investors.

It could not be sensible that in most of the country people had so little freedom to choose their rented homes. Little housing existed for private letting and it was often in poor condition.

"What we are determined to do is to create conditions in which it is commercially worthwhile to compete for tenants by offering a decent home and an efficient service from the landlord", Mrs Roe said.

Housing associations had the opportunity to exploit new government grants which made the finance of housing projects commercially viable.

The Government was anxious to attract private financiers by educating them into the economic advantages of becoming involved in housing projects.

Housing association trusts are already attacking some of the worst council estates in Britain. Tenants suffered a sense of hopelessness on such estates where conditions were so appalling that local authorities simply could not cope.

The only solution was to bring in housing action teams who could apply themselves single-mindedly to rejuvenating the estate.

To make that possible, harnessing private sector finance was essential. Where needed, the Government would use legislative powers to set up housing action trusts.

Mrs Roe said the Government was also giving council tenants the right to pick the landlord of their choice.

More than £100 million of government aid now existed for housing associations to launch new renting schemes provided they could raise £70 million of the housing cost privately.

Mrs Roe later toured Holmewood, which until a year ago had the worst reputation of any council estates in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Today a third of the estate's 3,000 buildings are pristine clean and 90 per cent of the graffiti and litter has disappeared, with the help of £3.5 million in government grants and a willing workforce from the Manpower Services Commission.

Moderate union chief vows to fight on

Mr John Ellis, moderate general secretary of the Militant-controlled Civil and Public Services Association, in pensive mood on Wandsworth Common, south London, yesterday after a meeting with Mr John Macreadie, his deputy.

Mr Ellis made a final effort to get Mr Macreadie to work with him "for the benefit of the union" at the meeting at the union's headquarters.

Mr Ellis also took Mr Macreadie to task for what he said were consistent attempts to undermine him during the past week and warned him bluntly that he would not make any concessions to the Militants.

Mr Macreadie told Mr Ellis he was simply following the policies of the union, which were up to the members to decide. He said he was surprised at the interest in the meeting since as far as he was concerned it was routine.

Mr Ellis promised to fight on. "It would be completely irresponsible of me to run away from the job", he said.

Mr Ellis believes that if the executive's Militant members continue to try to undermine him they will lose seats in next year's union election. However, Mr Macreadie is not due to face re-election for five years.

(Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Dead child 'contacted'

Two schoolgirls claimed they had used a ouija board to contact a murdered child, a court was told yesterday.

The police took the suggestion seriously and three officers were assigned to trace a man the girls said was named by the dead child as her murderer, Nottingham Crown Court was told.

However, no trace could be found of the man, said by the girls to be named Paul Bishop, aged 35, Det Constable Karen Moore said.

One of the girls, Katherine Fox, aged 16, of Skegness, Lincolnshire, told the court: "We asked the girl how she had been killed and got the answer, 'Sex, love, hate'. The board then said, 'Please off off off'."

Antony Shirley, aged 19, unemployed, of Lumley Avenue, Skegness, denies murdering Nicola Spencer, aged seven, on December 18

The court has been told that Mrs Christina Spencer, Nicola's mother, was drinking at a nearby public house when her daughter was killed in their bedsit flat.

The case continues today.

Plea for firearms controls

By David Sapsted

A call for tighter firearms controls in the Thames Valley area, in which the Hungerford massacre took place last month, will be made to the force's chief constable at a meeting later this week.

Chief Constable Colin Smith, who will present a confidential report on the shootings to the Thames Valley police authority's quarterly meeting on Friday, has so far declined to follow several other forces in refusing to license semi-automatic weapons and carbines in the wake of the massacre.

Those forces include the Metropolitan and West Midlands police.

Those areas' immediate moratoria on the licensing of such weapons were called pending a Home Office decision on new gun laws.

The Hungerford gunman, Michael Ryan, killed 16 people and wounded 14 others with a semi-automatic Kalashnikov and an American M1 rifle.

Thames Valley has instead tightened its vetting of individual licence applications.

Mr Julian Jacottet, a police authority member, said he wanted the Thames Valley chief constable to take urgent action to halt "the proliferation of firearms in private hands."

Mr Smith's report on the Hungerford shootings looks appears certain to be heard in private session. It is believed to contain confidential details of the police operation and there are also fears that the report could breach the rules of sub judice covering the victims' inquests, which resume on September 24.

Inquest opens into M4 crash victims

An inquest was opened yesterday into the deaths of four people in a crash on the M4 last Wednesday.

Dr John Burton, the coroner, told the inquest at Hammersmith, west London, that two of the victims died of multiple injuries. They were Robert Moxon, aged 55, of Stansfield House, Bermondsey, south-east London, and James McDermott, aged 15, of Kingston Mansions, Clapham Road, Clapham, south-west London.

Mr Moxon was the driver of a Bedford van which allegedly did a U-turn near the Heston service area causing a pile-up. The boy, alleged to have been playing truant, was a passenger in the van.

John Pearson, aged 67, a retired engineer, died of a traumatic laceration of the main heart muscle. Mr Pearson, of Durham House, Somerset Close, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, was a passenger on a National Express coach from Penzance.

The fourth victim, Sandra Bailowitz, aged 47, of Fort Lee, New Jersey, was on her way to Windsor on an Angel Motors coach. Mrs Bailowitz's body has been flown back to her family in the United States.

Mr David Perry, the coroner's officer, said all the bodies had been identified by relatives.

The hearing was adjourned for two months for the vehicles involved to be inspected and examined.

Borders oppose plans for tree plantations

By Kerry Gill

Opposition to extensive tree planting in the Scottish Borders grew yesterday when the planning committee of Borders Regional Council objected to applications for afforestation in Tweeddale and near Newcastleton.

It brings to three the number of proposals rejected in a month. The final decision rests with the Forestry Commission.

Mr Peter Edwards, forest district manager, said all three applications, covering a total of about 2,400 acres, met the commission's minimum requirements.

Borders people fear some of the most attractive tourist areas could be lost to huge areas of conifer planting. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has written to Lord Sanderson, the Scottish Minister with responsibility for forestry, backing the objectors.

The Department of Agriculture has also objected to the plans. It said the quality of land was too good.

Mrs Valerie Barrie, who helped organize a petition against a similar scheme in the upper reaches of the Ettrick Valley, said at least 90 per cent of local people were against the plans.

"We are worried that the whole nature of the valley would be changed. It is a very lively community with a good balance of different types of people", Mrs Barrie, who is head teacher at Ettrick primary school, said.

Drinking and driving

Alcohol-free fare promoted

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Publicans were yesterday urged to promote non-alcoholic drinks for drivers who have previously been encouraged to drink alcohol.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, told a conference on drinking and driving that public opinion about drinking and driving was changing but it needed "a big push".

The minister, who has special responsibility for roads and safety, said: "We want to get to a position where alcohol is not forced on drivers nor made to appear to be the only possible drink for a driver. A selection of non-alcoholic drinks must be made available."

His comments at a conference for publicans came on the same day that a survey by the Department of Transport showed that one in every 250 people will die in a road accident unless road safety conditions improve.

The most likely to die are pedestrians and 65 per cent of those killed will be male. The people most at risk are aged between 17 and 22 or 74 to 79.

"The projection of deaths is horrific", Mr Bottomley said. "Protection for pedestrians is rightly getting higher priority as 75 per cent of road deaths are known to be avoidable."

But he added: "Cutting out drinking and driving has the greatest potential for an early dramatic drop in casualties. One quarter of road fatalites are related to drink, including 400 drunken pedestrians.

Mr Christian Davis, editor of *Publican* magazine and the organizer of yesterday's conference, said: "We are telling publicans that people coming into pubs should not be drinking and driving. The message to the public is that they don't have to have an alcoholic drink when they go to a pub."

Some rural public houses have already been badly affected by the anti drink-driving publicity and now rely heavily on income from food. Publicans were warned yesterday that 10,000 houses could close if the "zero option" preventing drivers from all alcoholic drinking were introduced.

Mr David Thomas, Whitbread Inns' south-east director of operations, said the licensed trade would vigorously oppose the zero option but would continue to support existing legislation.

The first non-alcoholic lagers on the market had a clearly inferior taste and that damaged their image. Sales are now doubling each year though are still at a low level.

The £4 million Guinness campaign for its alcohol-free Kaliber lager has convinced other big brewers that there will be considerable growth in that new sector of the drinks market.

Drinkers and publicans have paid little attention to non-alcoholic drinks in the past because breweries have tended to promote them only in the few months leading up to Christmas.

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Judge calls for a return to 'fastest court in the West'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

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The Government should provide more judges and courtrooms to eliminate the "unacceptable delays" in London's commercial court and restore it to being "the fastest court in the West", Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said last night.

The commercial court was suffering from its own success and "too many disputes are chasing too few judges", he said.

"The court, those who use it and the lawyers who practise in it are major contributors to the nation's invisible exports.

"I find it difficult to believe that the Treasury can reasonably object to providing it with the means of restoring it to its traditional position of the fastest court in the West."

Sir John was delivering the opening address to about 2,000 international lawyers assembled at Central Hall, Westminster, for the opening of the five-day conference in London of the International Bar Association.

The commercial court, he told lawyers, was more than an English commercial court; it is "a world commercial court sitting in England".

It was a court set up by judges for the speedy and economical settling of disputes after Parliament failed to adopt the recommendation of a Royal Commission almost a century ago.

"Its procedures were wholly different from those of the ordinary courts. It recognized that businessmen knew what was in dispute and did not want to waste time and money on investigating peripheral matters", he said.

It recognized that businessmen were not interested in legal technicalities and, above all, it recognized they wanted their disputes settled by judges "who if not businessmen at least were fully familiar with business problems".

Sir John Donaldson: Seeks help for commercial court.

In its modern form it now sat daily in six panels and dealt with mercantile disputes from throughout the world. A recent survey disclosed that 55 per cent of plaintiffs and 45 per cent of defendants came from abroad. In 28 per cent of cases, more than one in four, there was no British party.

It also had an advisory committee of the judges and lawyers who practise before the court and representatives of the main trade associations whose members use the court.

That committee had tackled the problem of delays and procedures had been further streamlined. Now they needed the help of Parliament and the Government in providing more judges and courtrooms, he said.

Sir John also gave a boost to the importance of London as a centre of international arbitration; and he indicated he thought mixed partnerships between the different professions were likely to come about.

Mixed partnerships, on which the Law Society is to decide this autumn, gave rise to "enormous problems", he said. Maintaining the professional standards of business lawyers and in particular their independence should always be paramount.

But if that condition could be met, he said he had no doubt such partnerships would come.

On arbitration, Sir John said the courts were not the only means of resolving business disputes in London; there was also a "thriving international arbitration industry".

That was headed by the specialist trade tribunals such as the Grain and Feed Trade Association, London Maritime Arbitrators' Association and the London Court of International Arbitrators.

The London Court of International Arbitrators operated worldwide and its members were drawn from many countries. It could and did hold arbitrations abroad but its members preferred to use London.

That was "because of the vast range of facilities which are so readily available and the ease with which it can be reached by disputing parties from all parts of the world".

The time when commercial arbitration was looked at "askance" by the courts in this country as being "a rival, rebellious and inferior system" was past, Sir John said.

Mrs Pippa Gee, a secretary who rose to become financial director of Chambers International Products, of Newcastle under Lyme, with the Options/TSB Trust Company Women Mean Business Award presented to her yesterday (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Police complaints: 2

Graduate a victim of vendetta, says his family

A student who claims he was beaten up by two plainclothes police officers and then tortured is hiding abroad knowing that if he returns to Britain, he will face a charge of perverting the course of justice. The case of Mr Steven Shaw, aged 25, is being reviewed. ***Ian Smith*** *reports the family's side of the story.*

Regular telephone calls from secret addresses on the Continent are the only form of contact Mr Steven Shaw, a former Manchester University student, now has with his family and friends.

Since fleeing the country 11 months ago, the politics and philosophy graduate has been a fugitive facing arrest on a charge of perverting the course of justice if he ever returns to Britain.

His alleged crime is that he signed police statements in which he claimed he was severely injured by two men he identified as Manchester detectives.

Mr Shaw says his home was burgled and that weeks later he was waylaid and severely beaten in a Manchester back street. Finally, he says he was subjected to five hours of interrogation in cells at Bootle Street police station.

There, Mr Shaw says, lighted cigarettes were held inches from his eyes, his hands were stamped on and he was strip-searched and subjected to an internal examination so brutal that he subsequently needed three hospital operations.

Mrs Helen Shaw, his mother, says her son's troubles started just days after a demonstration outside Manchester University to protest against the visit in 1985 by Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary.

In confrontations which ended with both police and student demonstrators being injured, 37 protesters were arrested and all but four subsequently charged with threatening behaviour or obstruction.

Sceptical about an external police inquiry launched at the request of Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, the students chose instead to launch their complaints about alleged police violence through their own solicitors.

Mr Shaw volunteered to act as go-between and it was two days later that he claims his flat in Manchester was burgled. Although there was a television set, video recorder and radio in the living room, the only item stolen was a blue folder marked "Police".

Had the burglars been hoping to purloin statements already made by students and filed by Mr Shaw, they must have been disappointed. The folder contained a thesis on police technology that Mr Shaw had written as part of his BA degree course.

Mrs Shaw, speaking at the family home in Totteridge, north London, said: "From then on things went from bad to worse. My son became the innocent victim of a vendetta we believe was waged unceasingly by police officers frightened of the full facts about the demonstration night emerging".

"To say life became a nightmare for our son is a woeful understatement. On the Sunday afternoon he was dragged into an alleyway and given a terrible beating. He was simply minding his own business walking home after seeing his girlfriend.

"So terrified was he by what happened he literally crawled back to his flat and cowered behind the door with a rolling pin in his hands frightened that at any second the door might burst open and he would be given another beating."

After receiving hospital treatment, Mr Shaw says he attempted to resume normal campus life. Instead, his mother maintains, he was subjected to ceaseless harassment, being stopped and questioned on the slightest pretext and receiving threatening telephone calls.

Eventually his frayed nerves snapped and university authorities advised him to return to his parents' home and continue his studies there.

It was when he later returned to Manchester to meet Avon and Somerset police investigators that, according to his parents, he was arrested on the street and subjected to a five-hour ordeal at Bootle Street police station.

In October 1986, it was decided Mr Shaw's safety would be guaranteed only if he left Britain. That week, he travelled to Canada with his mother and intended to start a new life. But a warrant was issued last February for his arrest and now the graduate with a once-promising future leads a nomadic life and exists on income from part-time jobs.

His parents, too, have not escaped what they believe to be a vendetta which has wrecked their son's life. Just a few weeks ago, Mrs Shaw says she answered the telephone to a late-night anonymous caller who inquired whether she enjoyed fireworks as her home was about to be set alight.

Greater Manchester police last night refused to comment on the investigation held into the allegations of ill-treatment made by Mr Shaw.

Two officers are awaiting trail in Manchester Crown Court on perjury charges linked to the university riot.

Concluded

Sotheby's staff in new share scheme

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Sale Room Correspondent

Executives of Sotheby's auction house are being offered a stake in the company.

"I have personally been working on a stock option scheme since I joined about a year ago". Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's London, said. "The company has been going very well, but compared to our opposite number, Christie's, it has been very difficult to give any portion of it to the employees.

"We want to retain a loyal and devoted staff, and this will be a major weapon. But Alfred Taubman (the American billionaire who owns the company) will not relinquish control."

Share option schemes have proved popular with many companies since their introduction by the Government in 1984. They can improve morale while encouraging senior staff to stay. A condition of the scheme is that, once the share price has been set, employees cannot take up their options for three years.

The only potential disadvantage, from an employee's point of view, is that, if the company remains unquoted, new shareholders might have difficulty selling their shares.

Lord Gowrie refuted any suggestion that the scheme is the first phase in a grand plan by Mr Taubman to sell off the company.

Women will help re-enact battle

By Kerry Gill

One of the bloodiest battles between the Scots and English is to be re-enacted next year in the Northumbrian hills with help of the Women's Institute volunteers for scenes of rape and pillage.

Last night, about 90 members of local institutes met in the village of Rochester to enlist volunteer camp followers for the Scots who, against vastly superior odds, routed the English at the Battle of Otterburn, in 1388.

The six hundredth anniversary of the battle will involve about 250 troops of the Scottish and King's Division of the Junior Leaders Battalion from Albemarle Barracks, near Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mrs Beryl Charlton, chairman of the 1388 Committee organizing the event, said the battle, perhaps the bloodiest clash on a border historically soaked in blood, was fought under moonlight on the moors around Otterburn.

The 1,000 Scots, under James, Earl of Douglas, had camped at Otterburn after laying siege to Newcastle, where Douglas captured the pennant of Harry "Hotspur" Percy, eldest son of the Duke of Northumberland.

Hotspur, with about 8,000 men set off in pursuit and after a forced march of more than 30 miles, immediately engaged the Scots. His tired troops were routed.

During the battle, however, a number of English broke into the Scottish camp, and that is where the Women's Institute members come in. Mrs Charlton said: "The English created havoc and pillaged the camp before being driven out.

To ensure authenticity, Mrs Charlton wrote to four local Women's Institutes asking for volunteers for "a little rape and pillage".

She wanted 30; about 90 turned up at the meeting.

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WORLD SUMMARY

French arrest television 'spy'

Paris – The French Minister of Defence, M André Giraud, said yesterday that a man had been arrested in connection with a French television interview with an alleged military secret service agent (Susan MacDonald writes). The man, who sat with his back to the camera, wearing a wig and speaking in a disguised voice, claimed he was one of the frogmen involved in the sinking of the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior two years ago in New Zealand. He complained that since then French politicians had betrayed the military underwater diving unit.

M Giraud maintained that the man arrested had left the French external intelligence unit "several months ago". A French radio station gave the man's name as Warrant Officer Gérald Andriès, a former frogman now serving on the island of Réunion. In its heyday the undercover diving unit was said to have carried out secret attacks on targets that the French military considered to be "enemy". When asked where the unit had principally worked, the man replied, "In anti-Libyan activities."

Whaling accord

Oslo – Iceland and the United States are expected to announce today the resolution of a long-standing dispute over whaling policies in the tiny nation (Tony Samstag writes).

Under the agreement, which will end months of tit-for-tat harassment at diplomatic levels, Iceland is to accept a quota of 20 sei whales instead of the 40 it wanted. Iceland takes the sei whales under the controversial scientific exclusion clause in the current International Whaling Commission moratorium on commercial catches.

Zaire lets Britons go

Lusaka (Reuter) – Zaire has released three Britons detained a week ago when their boat strayed into Zairean waters on Lake Tanganyika, the British High Commission in the Zambian capital said yesterday.

The Britons – named as Ian Craven, Michael Angliss and S. Nicklin – flew out of the Zairean town of Kalemie on Saturday and were back with their families in Ndola. They were on their way to Burundi to pick up a new fishing boat for Zambia's Mpulungu Fisheries when currents swept them into Kalemie.

EEC deflecting Rabat

Brussels – The EEC yesterday took the first step towards deflecting Morocco's application for Common Market membership while at the same time assuring Rabat that the Community was keen to step up its links with the North African state (Richard Owen writes).

Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister and current EEC President, said at a meeting of EEC Foreign Ministers that the Community was formulating a "quick response" to the July letter of application. While the EEC wanted to promote goodwill between Morocco and Europe, Mr Ellemann-Jensen recalled his remark in July that Morocco did not "meet the criteria" for membership, which require an applicant to be both European and democratic.

Appealing again

Geneva (Reuter) – Mr Manucher Ghorbanifar and Mr Albert Hakim, allegedly involved in the US arms for hostages scandal, have lodged further appeals to stop the release of Swiss bank documents linked to the affair.

The documents trace money channelled through Geneva accounts by about 20 American, Iranian, Swiss and Saudi Arabian individuals and companies. The men, cited as key figures in secret arms sales to the Iranian Government, lost an appeal in July to Switzerland's highest court

Bucharest reshuffle

Vienna (AP) – Three days after the Romanian Communist Party removed three deputy prime ministers and made other appointments affecting key economic sectors, more Government changes were announced yesterday.

Mrs Lina Ciobanu was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and relieved of her duties as Minister of Light Industry. Mr Stefan Andrei, a former Foreign Minister, and Mr Ion Constantinescu, who had headed the State Planning Committee, were named Deputy Prime Ministers

Rebels destroy plane

Moscow (AFP) – Afghan rebels shot down a Soviet-made Antonov-26 transport aircraft as it was coming in to land at Kunduz airport in northern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing all 15 people on board, including two women crew members, the government newspaper, *Izvestia*, reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from Kabul, the paper said that the Afghan plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, but it did not reveal if the attack involved a US-supplied Stinger missile. *Izvestia* said that three explosions could be heard while the aircraft was at a height of 3,600 ft.

Moscow silent after air collision protest

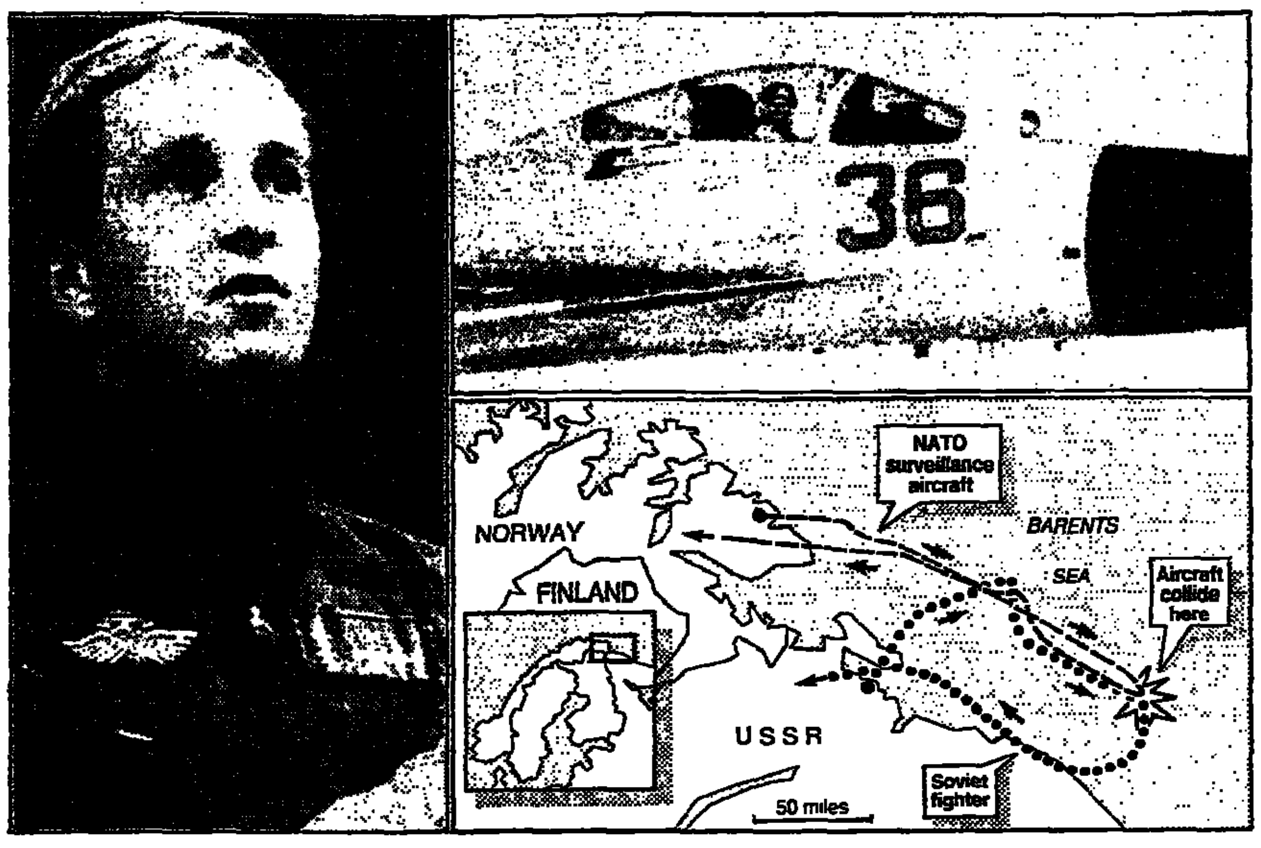
By Our Foreign Staff

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg, was yesterday still waiting for a reply from Moscow to a protest note that he sent after a Soviet fighter plane collided with a Norwegian surveillance aircraft over the Barents Sea on Sunday morning.

Mr Stoltenberg sent the protest to Mr Aleksander Teterin, the Soviet Ambassador in Oslo, after a Soviet Sukhoi SU-27 Flanker jet fighter touched the Norwegian four-engined Orion reconnaissance plane with its wing, knocking off a propellor on one of the Orion's four engines and damaging part of the fuselage.

The Norwegian Ministry of Defence called the incident a violation of all flight regulations. The collision happened in international air space south-east of the Norwegian port of Vardoe, at least 48 miles nautical miles west of Soviet territory.

The Orion, with 10 men on board, made an emergency landing at the Norway's Banak air base. None of the men on the aircraft were injured.



The pilot of the Norwegian Orion plane, Mr Salvesen, left, after his collision with a Soviet Su-27 fighter, above, in the region shown in the map.

Hungary renews link with Israelis

From David Bernstein Jerusalem

Israel and Hungary agreed yesterday to establish "interest sections" in each other's countries – the first formal link between them since diplomatic ties were severed after the 1967 Six Day War.

Under an agreement signed in Berne, Switzerland, Hungary will open an interest section in the Swedish Embassy in Tel-Aviv and Israel will establish a similar section in the Swiss Embassy in Budapest.

While falling short of a formal renewal of diplomatic relations, the latest agreements represent a continuation of the thaw that has set in between Israel and Eastern bloc countries.

Poland signed a similar agreement last year, and the Soviet Union sent a consular team to Israel earlier this year. So far, however, only Romania – the sole Soviet bloc country that did not sever ties in 1967 – has full diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

In announcing the agreement yesterday, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was intended "to advance the economic, trade and cultural interests between the two countries".

Hungary, with its 80,000 Jews, has the second largest Jewish population of any Eastern bloc country, after the Soviet Union. Annual trade between the two countries runs at $22m (£13 million) while several thousand Israelis visited Hungary last year.

The Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, welcomed the resumption of ties, which he said was "another step towards normalizing relations between Israel and that group of countries with which Israel is interested in having normal ties".

Mr Shamir yesterday met Mr Constantin Mitea, a special envoy sent by President Ceausescu of Romania on a diplomatic shuttle to Israel, Egypt and Jordan. Mr Shamir was in Bucharest last month, when he proposed a regional peace conference without participation of outside parties – an idea which both Egypt and Jordan have received coolly.

Meanwhile the Foreign Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, who has been pressing for an international peace conference on the Middle East, said yesterday that he expects considerable diplomatic activity in this direction during the next three months – particularly as both the Soviet Union and the US will be trying to reach accord on issues including regional disputes such as that in the Middle East.

In another development Mr Peres told the delegation of visiting American black leaders, which included the son of the late Mr Martin Luther King, that Israel intends taking further steps towards tightening sanctions against South Africa.

Near farce in the Gulf but high drama in Beirut

Clear lanes await UK minesweepers

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

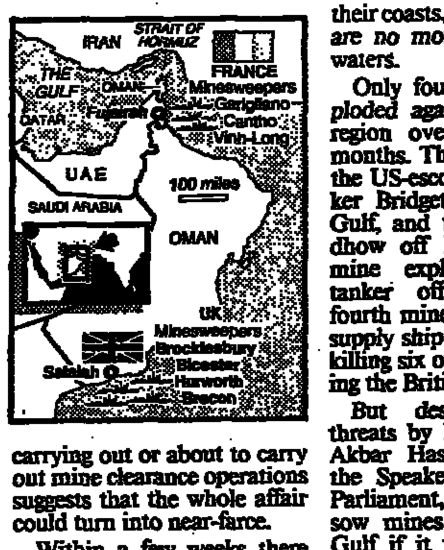
The Royal Navy's much-heralded search for mines in the Gulf, officially ordered by Mrs Thatcher and set to begin off the coast of Fujairah within a week, could turn out to be nothing more than an expensive public relations exercise.

In the past month, not one mine has been discovered in the Gulf of Oman, where Britain's four Hunt-class minesweepers are to begin work, and the Navy itself has been so perplexed by the duties it is facing that senior officers in charge of the mine-clearing had, until two days ago, still not received their operational plans from the Ministry of Defence in London.

Furthermore, in all its two months of operations inside the Gulf itself, the US helicopter carrier Guadalcanal, whose Sea Stallion helicopters carry sonar mine-hunting equipment, has, as the Americans themselves have now admitted, discovered only a series of empty oil drums, dead sheep and discarded refrigerators on the sea bed.

This "sunken junk", as the US Navy refers to the "mine-like" objects which they have discovered down the Gulf sea-lanes, has also appeared in the Gulf of Oman, where the Royal Navy's initial operations are to take place. But the French Navy, which yesterday boasted that its own minesweepers had been in operation 30 miles off Fujairah since Friday, well in advance of the Royal Navy, have also discovered nothing more lethal than oil drums.

The Iranians, generally accused of planting the mines that were found in the Gulf and off Fujairah in July, appear to have resisted the temptation to plant any more. It is, of course, possible that they might have continued to sow mines in the waterway if Western governments had not decided to send minesweepers to the region. But the sheer size of the Naval contingents carrying out or about to carry out mine clearance operations suggests that the whole affair could turn into near-farce.



Within a few weeks there will be at least 25 minesweeping vessels from seven different nations – the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, Holland, Italy and Belgium – rigorously searching for mines which many shipping agents in the Gulf suspect do not exist.

The Royal Navy's four minesweepers, together with their supply ship, have now arrived off the southern Omani port of Salalah, where their crews are expected to be given just two hours' leave ashore before taking their vessels at a steady 12 knots to the Fujairah anchorage to begin mine-clearance operations.

The Emirates authorities, which have quietly given the ships permission to enter their harbours for refuelling, are more than happy to see the British and French navies off their coasts, proving that there are no more mines in their waters.

Only four mines have exploded against ships in the region over the past three months. The first victim was the US-escorted Kuwaiti tanker Bridgeton in the upper Gulf, and the second was a dhow off Bahrain. Another mine exploded against a tanker off Fujairah. The fourth mine tragically sank a supply ship in the same area, killing six of the crew, including the British captain.

But despite subsequent threats by Hojatoleslam Ali-Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, that Iran could sow mines right across the Gulf if it wished, none has since materialized.

● **BRUSSELS:** Belgium announced yesterday that it was sending minesweepers to the Gulf to join the naval forces of other Western nations.

Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, told a press conference that Belgium would send two minesweepers and a support vessel to help ensure free navigation. He said the vessels would work in close co-operation with his country's European allies.

Gunmen wound Irangate arms report editor

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

Mr Hassan Sabra, the Lebanese journalist who first revealed the secret sale of American arms to Iran and reported a power struggle in Tehran, was seriously wounded in a street ambush as he drove to his office in west Beirut yesterday.

Two men on a motorcycle approached Mr Sabra's car as it headed towards the offices of *Ash Shiraa* magazine, where Mr Sabra works as editor-in-chief. The motorcycle passenger fired three times through the windscreen of the car, injuring Mr Sabra in the head, neck and chest. The assailants escaped, apparently unharmed by the machine-gun bursts fired by Mr Sabra's chauffeur-bodyguard.

Mr Sabra's 12-year-old daughter, Nissrin, was slighlty injured by a bullet that grazed her chest. Doctors at the American University Hospital said Mr Sabra's life was not in danger but they were concerned that his head wound could leave him blind.

The assassination attempt was not a surprise. Mr Sabra himself had confided to some of his colleagues that he had received threats ever since he published the story that exposed the Iran-Contra scandal in Washington. "I never take them seriously," he told foreign reporters three months ago. But the fact that he drove with a Kalashnikov automatic rifle under the seat of his car showed that he had indeed been taking precautions.

Mr Sabra had made a number of enemies because of his controversial reporting on foreign hostages in Lebanon. The latest edition of *Ash Shiraa*, for example, carried a report that contradicted the claims of the kidnappers of Herr Alfred Schmidt, the West German engineer released this month. The magazine article said a ransom of $2 million (about £1.25 million) had been paid for his release and that another West German hostage would be freed within days under similar conditions.

Mr Sabra, a Shia Muslim aged 39, is known to have exceptional contacts within circles close to Ayatollah Hussein Montazeri, the designated heir of Ayatollah Khomeini.

His reporting, increasingly critical of some radical pro-Iranian factions in Lebanon, had cost him the enmity of the Iranian Embassy in Beirut and of fundamentalist groups.

Mr Sabra: Shot three times on his way to work.

Space-race problems

US shuttle plan 'still risky'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A National Research Council committee has approved the design proposed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a permanent space station but served warning that the plan to use the shuttle would be difficult and risky. It recommended that expendable rockets also be built to aid in assembling the orbiting station.

The council, announcing the results of the study requested by President Reagan, said that the first phase of the orbital base to be built in the mid-1990s "is a satisfactory starting point". It is for eight astronauts. It recommended that it be adopted as the initial station design.

The 36-page report of the panel also recommended that the US order another space shuttle to be delivered before the space station's deployment begins, now set for 1994. This shuttle would be in addition to the replacement for Challenger, which exploded soon after blast-off on January 28 last year.

The 13-member panel is headed by Mr Robert Seamans, a former deputy Nasa administrator.

The report proposed that Nasa should develop advanced, solid rocket motors to improve the reliability of the shuttle and that the shuttle be refitted for extended operations in orbit.

The study also suggested that Nasa should establish a mandatory requirement for a crew emergency rescue vehicle capable of returning astronauts safely to Earth from the space station.

Nasa also should "make plans for eventual logistical support of the space station with expendable launch vehicles", instead of relying exclusively on the shuttle.

It described the space station as "the most ambitious and lengthy task Nasa has ever undertaken".

Nasa had estimated the first phase of the space station would cost $14.6 billion (£8.78 billion) in 1988 dollars. But the panel added some extra equipment and put the cost estimate at $17 billion. It said additional testing and requirements for back-up equipment could bring the research and development cost to as high as $21.5 billion.

● **PARIS: Three space companies have signed an agreement to bid together on future international satellite and telecommunications contracts, Aerospatiale announced yesterday (AP reports). The US General Electric Astro-Space Division, Aerospatiale of France and MBB of West Germany agreed to respond together to future calls for bids on satellite construction.**

Ortega dubs Reagan a 'misinformed fool'

From David Gollob, Managua

President Ortega of Nicaragua, in his first public reaction to President Reagan's appeal for $270 million (£164 million) in aid for the Contra rebels, called the American leader "a fool".

Brandishing a Redeye anti-aircraft missile which he claimed had been recently captured from the Contras, Señor Ortega said: "The weapons he is sending the mercenaries are fortifying the arsenal of the Sandinista Army. We are convinced that President Reagan is misinformed, that his advisers lead him to have great expectations from the mercenaries. That's why he continues to make a fool of himself."

Señor Ortega was delivering a speech on Sunday to mark the 131st anniversary of a battle 25 miles east of Managua, where William Walker, an American freebooter who had invaded Nicaragua and proclaimed himself President, was routed by a joint Central American Army. Latin American and European diplomats attended the ceremony.

Señor Ortega insisted that Nicaragua was determined to comply with the peace agreement signed by five Central American presidents in Guatemala last month and announced that dialogue with civilian opposition groups would begin on October 5, a month before the deadline set by the agreement.

President Ortega: pledge to honour Guatemala accord.

Tamil Tigers kill 66 rivals

Colombo (Reuters) – The Tamil Tigers separatist group massacred at least 66 people in eastern Sri Lanka at the weekend and a spokesman for the group said they acted to prevent rival militants from slaughtering them.

Police and residents in Batticaloa said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam shot down unarmed members of three groups in sudden onslaughts on Sunday across the eastern coastal district.

"This is butchery, absolute butchery," said the Batticaloa police chief, Mr Nimal de Silva. "The Tigers are hell-bent on annihilating the other groups."

The victims were from the Eeelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization, known as the "Three Stars."

Mr de Silva said nearly 70 members of the three groups surrendered to police and Indian peacekeeping troops yesterday, asking for protection from the Tigers.

Unlike the Tigers, the three groups support an Indian-backed the July 29 peace agreement that has ended four years fighting in Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict.

A prominent resident said a group of citizens last night met Tigers representatives who told them they acted in self-defence. "They said they were forced to resort to this action because the others were preparing to slaughter them," said the resident.

The Tigers's delegation called the attacks a "pre-emptive mission" but said they were ready to lay down their arms under the peace accord if the other groups did, he said.

Another resident said there were 66 confirmed deaths, most in Batticaloa district but some further south, and four houses of opponents of the Tigers were burned down.

The Tigers have had a series of clashes with rival Tamil groups in north and eastern Sri Lanka in which another 70 people have been killed in the last few days.

Last week the Tigers sent a note to the commander of the 8,000 Indian peacekeeping troops asking him to disarm four rival groups.

At a press conference to denounce the killings, the Eeelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front repeated threats to take up arms again if the Indians failed to stop the Tigers' attacks.

The battle for control of Batticaloa with its mixed population of Tamils, Moslems and Sinhalese, could be crucial to the future of the peace accord.

● **Arrest issue:** Mr Timothy Renton, the Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that President Jayewardene has promised to look into the case of a Tamil who claimed refugee status in the UK, returned voluntarily to Sri Lanka and was arrested by police in Colombo (Vijitha Yapa writes).

A smoke without smoking

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The cigarette, unfashionable, banned and shunned as never before, is going smokeless, ushering in the age of the non-smoking smoker.

The smokeless cigarette has been invented by a leading tobacco manufacturer in a somewhat desperate attempt to make the weed more socially acceptable, so that perhaps restaurants and offices that have banned cigarettes will relent.

It may be a forlorn hope: anti-smoking activists have already lined up to fight the new device, which was created at a top-secret laboratory by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company – part of RJR Nabisco Incorporated – in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Nabisco's stock rose significantly on Friday on the mere rumour that the company was ready to launch the new cigarette. The smokeless fag is an enormous commercial risk, having cost millions to design, and its success will depend more than anything on creating a healthy, young image around it.

It has been designed so that when the smoker exhales, there will hardly be any detectable smoke. That may be unacceptable to users who like to watch the smoke drift forth as they exhale.

Only about a quarter of American adults now smoke.

The inventors have been highly secretive about the mechanics of their new device, but a forthcoming advertising campaign is expected to present it as healthier to smokers as well as to those around them.

Rival companies have apparently gone to lengths to gain knowledge about the cigarette so they can catch up.

The heavily guarded facility in which it was invented became known locally as "the black hole", and it appears that employees have been tempted into divulging secrets to other tobacco manufacturers, resulting in a rush to get the smokeless cigarette ready for imminent release to the market.

Moscow shoppers swamp dial-a-moan service

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Hard-pressed Soviet shoppers have been provided with a controversial new weapon in their struggle against the shoddy service and habitual cheating that is endemic in the nation's poorly supplied capital – a confidential telephone service on which to register all complaints direct to the Moscow Procurator's office.

Officially dubbed "the telephone of distrust", the new service on Moscow 231 6640 has been introduced for an experimental period of two months. If it proves a success, the system of soliciting complaints from the public that are potentially actionable will be extended to cover public transport and the health services, two other areas notorious for inefficiency and the studied indifference of staff.

Both Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and Mr Boris Yeltsin, the abrasive chief of the Moscow Communist Party, have vowed to improve the lot of the average consumer. Western observers maintain this is a vital condition if Mr Gorbachov's reform programme is going to have any chance of success.

Yesterday Mr Lev Baranov, the Procurator in charge of the new service, appealed to all Muscovites and visitors to use the anonymous telephone service to "inform" on those violating trading regulations. He singled out staff in food stores indulging in the common Soviet practice of holding back short-supply items from public display in order to strike private deals.

Mr Baranov told *Trud*, the main trade union daily, that his office was not afraid of the service being used as a means to settle personal scores, a practice frequently used here by those penning anonymous letters to the party authorities to denounce citizens allegedly lacking in communist zeal.

He said that information received from anonymous callers would be registered, and that complaints not dealt with at headquarters would be passed on for follow-up action to "the regional procurators' offices, regional militia stations and the Committee of People's Control".

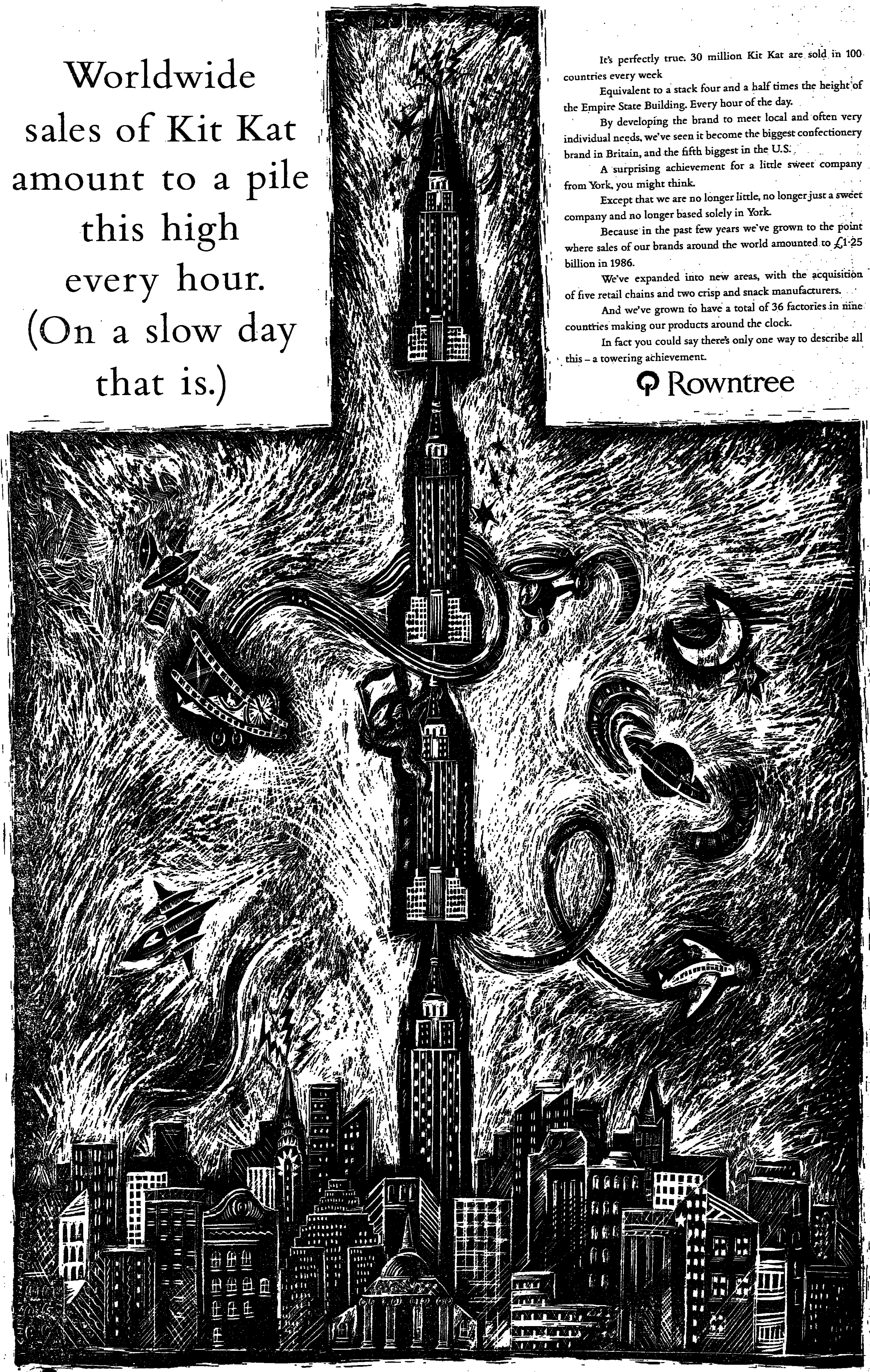
A Soviet reporter permitted to observe the new service's switchboard explained: "The phone was constantly ringing. Somewhere, the cottage cheese had not been supplied on time. Elsewhere, in a baker's shop, the bread had not been baked properly. Some callers complained of filth in a shop or the rudeness of the salesgirls."

The reporter continued: "The next phone call proved to be a serious one. In one shop Veritas sewing machines, 'a deficit product (one officially unavailable), are in fact for sale. They are being made available to those who purchase a 10-rouble (£10) chit from one of the lorry-loaders outside and then present it to the salesgirls.

"The regional militia station was immediately informed. Soon an answer came back from them – the information was confirmed as true and the profiteers were arrested."

Mr Baranov said that many early complaints had come from shoppers convinced that they had been cheated after weighing their purchases on scales at home. "If we find a common language with Muscovites and they approve of our innovation, we will keep this number in operation permanently," he pledged.

Muscovites questioned by *The Times* unanimously welcomed the new confidential line, but a number were pessimistic that it would have any great effect on their daily lives.



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Concern over new health rules

British students to get syringes for Moscow Aids tests

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The British Government is to *fly out* disposable syringes to more than 100 British students in *Moscow* who are being required to undergo compulsory Aids testing under sweeping new emergency health regulations enacted here late last month under a decree of the Supreme Soviet.

Because of the chronic shortage of disposable needles inside the Soviet Union, the Foreign Office is considering similar action for all members of the 500-strong British community if intensive diplomatic contacts now under way establish that they too will have to undergo Soviet blood tests.

Diplomats from the 12 EEC countries are now pooling resources in order to try to *establish* whether the new laws also affect diplomats, journalists, businessmen and *nannies* who are their nationals and resident for more than the stated three months. "Understandably, there is a great deal of concern about this," one diplomat said.

A senior British source told *The Times* that pledges to *bring in sufficient* throw-away syringes from London had been given to the newly arrived students during confidential medical counselling sessions arranged for them with a doctor at the British Embassy. "Many were very worried about the risks of actually contracting the disease from a contaminated Soviet needle," he said.

The source said that despite *the obvious risks, 17* British students who are based in the *remote city of Voronezh in the* central European sector of the Russian Federation had gone ahead as requested and undergone the tests there with Soviet equipment. No information about the results has yet reached the British Embassy in Moscow.

According to information provided by the Soviet Foreign Ministry to the EEC diplomats, the Soviet authorities are refusing to accept the results of Aids tests carried out abroad or by Western or other foreign doctors resident in the Soviet Union.

The *actual* number of disposable syringes available in Soviet hospitals is unknown, but Western experts who have studied the sorry state of the Soviet health service were unimpressed by a recent pledge from the Health Ministry that by the end of the *current five-year plan in 1990* "almost all hospitals should have switched to using disposable syringes".

Under the new laws, which stipulate a maximum eight-year prison term for anyone who knowingly *infects* another person with Aids, those foreigners who are required to take the compulsory blood tests and refuse are liable to instant expulsion.

A high degree of confusion surrounds the working of the new regulations. By last night, the British Embassy had not been able to establish whether post-graduate students and lectors (exchange scholars) were affected in the same way as undergraduates by the Aids-test *requirements*.

The British source told me that the 112 British undergraduates who have recently arrived in Moscow were particularily shocked by the terms of the new laws because they came into effect after they had acquired the necessary health certificates *permitting* them to study here.

It is understood that students have been selected as the first category of *foreigners to* be subjected to the compulsory tests because they are considered the highest risk category of foreign resident. In recent weeks, there have been strong hints from Soviet officials *that mandatory testing* will be extended to cover journalists and others.

The British source said that Britain was *opposed to mandatory* tests as now being applied in Moscow

60,000 in satellite link on disease

Quito (AFP) — More than 60,000 researchers and health-care workers across the Americas were using satellite television links to take part in a two-day Aids symposium which began here yesterday.

The symposium was being conducted in four languages, with simultaneous interpretation, as participants plugged in from 650 sites in North and South America.

The main organizers of the symposium are the Pan-American Health Organization and the World Health Organization. Intelsat is *providing its satellite network* free.

Experts were expected to respond to hundreds of questions *during the symposium*, with their answers transmitted via the Intelsat link to researchers and health care workers across the hemisphere.

The aim, one of the event's co-ordinators, Mr Ronald St. John said, is to provide access for thousands of health care workers to the sort of symposium that normally takes place *within four walls*.

It would also save time and money, *he pointed out*. It would have taken three years and considerable money to reach the number of specialists and basic health care providers who will be able to take part in this conference.

Mr St. John said the latest World Health Organization figures on Aids underline the urgent need to share information on reserch and treatment.

Mr Kim Young Sam, left, and Mr Kim Dae Jung, smiling for photographers at their weekly meeting in Seoul yesterday, masking what aides admit is growing animosity between them.

Kims in rift over 'campaign'

From Our Correspondent, Seoul

The growing rift between the two leading opposition presidential hopefuls broke into the open yesterday when Mr Kim Dae Jung refused Mr Kim Young Sam's request to stop *making campaign-style trips* outside the capital.

The two men have promised to put up a single candidate in the planned December presidential elections, South Korea's first in 16 years. The nominee will face Mr Roh Tae Woo, the ruling party's candidate, who is in Washington this week to meet President Reagan.

Both Mr Kims have made it clear *that they want to be* president, and neither shows any sign of yielding. Mr Kim Young Sam wants a candidate selected in the next few days. But Mr Kim Dae Jung wants the nomination delayed until October, because he says he needs to test the mood of the people before deciding whether to run.

Mr Kim Dae Jung was granted his full political rights only in July after spending the past 15 years in prison, exiled in the United States, or under house arrest.

When he visited the city of Taejon on Saturday, more than 50,000 of his supporters *jammed the streets, shouting* "Kim Dae Jung" and "Run, *run, run*". Earlier last week, hundreds of thousands of people mobbed his caravan on his first return to his home base of Kwangju since 1972.

The two Mr Kims competed bitterly for the presidency in 1971 in the country's last open election. They have been civil in each other's presence, such as at their weekly meeting yesterday. But aides to each man has openly attacked the other.

"The fact of the matter is that Kim Dae Jung is moving from city to city as if he is working on a campaign," said *Mr Kim Joung Won, a senior* adviser to Mr Kim Young Sam. "That goes against our basic understanding of having one opposition candidate."

Mr Han Hwa Gap, an aide to Mr Kim Dae Jung, countered: "It's natural for a man who wants to be president to meet the people. The society of a no-competition president is *not a democratic society*."

● Minister replaced: President Chun yesterday appointed the Deputy Home Minister, Mr Lee Sang Hee, to replace the Home Minister, Mr Chung Kwan Yong.

Mr Chung was taken to hospital on Saturday with heart trouble

New Caledonia problems

Bitter Kanaks set to ignore Chirac's offer

From Stephen Taylor, Noumea

A new French initiative on the future of New Caledonia is *likely to be unveiled later this* week in a hastily arranged visit by *M Jacques Chirac*, the Prime Minister.

But indigenous Kanak leaders who have adopted a policy of non-co-operation with the Chirac Government indicated yesterday that they would remain outside the process.

Although Sunday's referendum saw a large vote in favour of New Caledonia remaining part of France, the Kanaks continued to insist yesterday that they would be satisfied by nothing short of independence.

The new proposals are expected *to be based on* increased autonomy, along the lines of French Polynesia.

The Paris delegation, which also includes M Bernard Pons, the Minister for Overseas Territories, is due to arrive on Thursday, and will be warmly received by the French settler *community here. The settlers* are delighted with the referendum result.

M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, leader of the Kanak FNLKS independence movement, did not rule out the possibility of meeting M Chirac, but said the movement would boycott any *autonomy* proposition.

M Tjibaou implicitly acknowledged that the referendum was a setback for the FNLKS, which urged a Kanak boycott. Some 17 per *cent of Kanaks ignored* the call, he said, because of "pressures" brought by the administration.

Final figures show that voter turn-out was 58.9 per cent, of which more than 98 per cent opted to stay with France. M Tjibaou blamed that on the large majority of Kanaks who did not turn out *to vote in favour of independence*.

He drew a comparison between events in New Caledonia and in Fiji, where the indigenous Melanesians have initiated talks with the Indian majority on a new constitution. It was not a question of Melanesians in both territories *wanting political dominance*, he said, but "there *must* be discussion with those who want to live in our country".

● **Final results:** The official voting results of Sunday's referendum in New Caledonia, announced yesterday by the Electoral Commission (according to Reuter), were as follows: Registered voters 85,022; turnout 50,250; spoiled voting papers 797; votes registered 49,453; votes *for independence 842; votes to* stay in the French Republic 48,611.

● **WELLINGTON:** The result of the referendum has done nothing to solve the problems facing the French-ruled Pacific territory, New Zealand's *Foreign Minister*, Mr Russell Marshall said here yesterday (AFP reports).

Suva – A previously unknown group calling itself the Taukei Liberation Front yesterday claimed responsibility *for fire*-bomb attacks on Indian-owned businesses over the weekend (Reuter reports). An anonymous caller to the state-owned Radio Fiji said that the attacks were the start of a campaign to rid the island of Indians, *who* slightly outnumber ethnic Fijians and dominate the economy.

It could make the achieve*ment of a peaceful and multi*racial future for the territory more difficult, he said in a statement, noting that a significant proportion of the population did not express their views.

"Unfortunately, the referendum risks deepening the divisions between the communities of New Caledonia," Mr Marshall said.

"I hope that tolerance and openness will now be shown by all parties in a genuine effort to find a long-term solution to New Caledonia's problems."

Bonn Government election setbacks

Kohl blames row over Pershings

From John England, Bonn

Herr Uwe Barchel, the Schleswig-Holstein Prime Minister, looking sorrowful after his party's election setback.

Only a week after his historic moment of glory, when he welcomed Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany was yesterday sifting through the ashes of resounding defeats for his Christian Democrats (CDU) *in two state elections on* Sunday.

In Schleswig-Holstein, where it has been in Government for 37 years, the CDU lost the absolute majority it had held for the past 16 years and can now continue to rule only with the help of the liberal Free Democrats (FDP).

In Bremen, where the Social Democrats (SPD) maintained their traditional grip on the city state, the CDU lost 10 per cent of its previous vote in its worst result since 1969.

Although his usual grin was absent, the Chancellor yesterday adopted a cool, matter-of-fact attitude at a press conference in Bonn held after CDU leadership meetings to discuss the disasters. He said the CDU in both states had been hurt by "unnecessary, stupid and damaging" state*ments made in* a row between his party and the Bavarian Christian Social Union of Herr Franz Josef Strauss over West Germany's Pershing missiles.

"The voters did not like that, and gave us a box on the ears," he said, adding that he was open to further objective discussions between the two parties. Elsewhere *in Bonn*, a CDU back-bencher said: "Kohl is taking it too lightly. We are going down the drain."

In Schleswig-Holstein, Herr Uwe Barschel, aged 43, the State Prime Minister, who has been accused of "dirty tricks" against the SPD candidate, Herr Bjorn Engholm, aged 47, now has only 33 seats in the 74-seat *Landtag* (state parliament) in Kiel, a drop of six. The SPD, which is now the strongest party, *has* 36 seats, an increase of two.

But the *FDP*, led by Herr Wolf-Dieter Zumpfort, aged 42, which re-entered the state assembly after a break of four years and will form a coalition with the CDU, has four seats, giving the two parties a one-seat lead over the SPD. The Danish minority party (SSW) has one seat, which could deadlock Parliament at 37-all *if its MP, Herr Karl-Otto* Meyer, chooses to side with the SPD on any issue. He has said, however, that he does not intend to make the state "ungovernable".

The CDU did even worse in Bremen, where the SPD has ruled since 1945, polling fewer than 24 per cent of the votes cast.

ELECTION RESULTS

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Party	% vote	Seats
SPD	45.2 (+1.5)	36 (+2)
CDU	42.6 (-6.4)	33 (-6)
FDU	5.2 (+ 3)	4
Greens	3.9 (+0.3)	0
SSW	1.5 (+ 0.2)	1

Electorate: 2.03 million
Turnout: 76.6% (-8.2)

BREMEN

SPD	50.5 (-0.8)	54 (-4)
CDU	23.4 (-9.9)	25 (-12)
Greens	10.2 (+4.8)	10 (+5)
FDP	10 (+5.4)	10
DVU	3.4	1

Electorate: 520,000
Turnout: 75.7% (-3.9)

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France cautioned on Pacific image

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The result of Sunday's referendum in New Caledonia, which favoured staying part of France, has been well received by the French Government.

M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, described it as a "triumph" and M Bernard Pons, the Minister for Over*seas Territories, said it* was "a victory for democracy, New Caledonia and France".

While the French extreme right has reacted to the referendum by saying that New Caledonia is now undeniably French and there should be no further discussion, the communists say the vote has not resolved *anything and* the division between pro-French and pro-independence inhabitants remains.

Le Monde in its editorial says that the French Government has not sufficiently taken into account its image in the South Pacific. The high pro-French turnout has not impressed Australia, New Zealand and the independent *islands in the region*.

The referendum results, says *Le Monde*, *must* be a departure point for a diplomatic evolution in the area.

Libération takes a more *caustic line saying that M* Chirac must wish that the French presidential elections in eight months' time could be confined to just New Caledonia – a country where most ways of convincing a voter are available: money – two billion francs (£200 million) *injected into the territory* since March 1986 – an administration working full time to ensure the "right choice" and thousands of police and soldiers to ensure the voter has time to reflect.

Nyerere's future put to party

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

After months of speculation in Tanzania over whether Mr Julius Nyerere will seek re-*election* as chairman of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) party, the former president has said he will leave the decision to the CCM general congress, which meets in October in the new capital, Dodoma.

When handing over the presidency to Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi two years ago, Mr Nyerere said he would continue as party chairman only for a further two years. It was time to pass on the leadership to "new blood", he added.

However, during a recent "meet-the-people" tour of the northern district of Tanga, Mr Nyerere said that it was not a "constitutional necessity" for a Tanzanian president to be the party boss at the same time.

Although the uncertainty has not been dispelled by Mr Nyerere's latest statement, radicals in Tanzania have been hoping he may seek re-election in order *to* curb President Mwinyi, who is seen by them as *drifting* too far from Mr Nyerere's stricter socialist path.

According to the official Shihata news *agency*, however, during his Tanga tour Mr Nyerere exonerated President Mwinyi from any blame *that he* had compromised Tanzania's socialist principles by agreeing to economic reforms.

Filipino rebel leader unrepentant

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

The charismatic young colonel who led last month's military rebellion, in which 53 people died, has given his first interviews from a hideout north of *Manila*.

Colonel Gregorio Honason, aged 39, *spoke to* local and American journalists, who were blindfolded and travelled several hours before reaching the hideout. He denied reports that he was planning another attack.

"I would like to assure that we will not engage in terrorism and in indiscriminate violence," he said, still dressed in *military fatigues with the Phil*ippine flag sewn on upside *down* – the symbol which made his men instantly recognizable during the fighting.

But Colonel Honason said he would not surrender, nor would he negotiate with the Government until President Aquino implemented "real reforms".

The colonel and several other middle-ranking officers belong to an organization called the Reform the Armed Forces Movement. *The group* believes that the military has the right to intervene in politics

In a tough speech yesterday, the Defence Secretary, General Rafael Ileto, told high-ranking officers they had to make it clear to "every officer and man . . . that we exist to defend the Constitution, the state and the people".

Paris claiming anti-terror success

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

One year after the series of bombings in Paris, which killed 12 people and wounded 150 others, the Minister of Security has given figures on *the success of the anti-terrorist* campaign which has been waged in France.

According to the minister, M Robert Pandraud, 153 people have been interrogated and charged, 244 foreigners linked to terrorism expelled and new frontier controls have meant that a total of 78,400 people (250 per day) have been refused entry into France. In addition, numerous *terrorist groups* have been either completely or partially disbanded and 1.2 tonnes of explosives and 600 detonators have been seized.

Only Max Frérot of the extreme-right terrorist group Action Directe is still at large and of the French Basque independence group only *Philippe* Bidart is still free, M Pandraud *said*. In the *Middle* East the Abdullah family – originally accused of being behind last September's *bombings – are confined to* their village, he said, while Georges Ibrahim Abdullah is serving a life sentence

The weekly magazine, *Le Point*, revealed yesterday that four Libyans discreetly expelled from France at the beginning of September, were *suspected of being about to* bomb the United States Embassy *in Paris*.

Chinese pledge on reforms

Peking (Reuter) — The Chinese leader, *Mr Deng Xiaoping*, told the American industrialist Dr Armand Hammer that China would speed up its policies of reform and opening to the outside world, the official press said yesterday.

Mr Deng told Dr Hammer, *chairman of Occidental Petro*leum, that China's develop*ment was impossible if it* departed from these policies.

Beleaguered Gandhi begins long fight to regain stature

From *Michael Hamlyn*
Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, is beset by allegations of corruption swirling around his administration.

He is confronted by a monsoon failure that is threatening the worst drought in decades, and enfiladed by a group of former ministers, friends and colleagues who are trying to build an opposition alliance to topple him.

He is accused of using the apparatus of state to silence his critics and, even in his own constituency, deserted by the man who helped him (and his brother before him) win it.

And yet there are now signs that Mr *Gandhi* has begun the long fight back. If he succeeds in overcoming his adversaries after the tension and disruption of the past few months, Mr Gandhi will have earned his laurels as a politician in his own right, and not merely as the inheritor of his mother's mantle.

As a start to his struggle to regain his former strength, Mr Gandhi was in Amethi last weekend, in the heart of agricultural Uttar Pradesh, which is the seat *he* holds in the national Parliament. He and his wife have been touring the *constituency – making* speeches, meeting people and mending fences – *in an effort to* secure *first* his home base, so to speak.

The visit to Amethi was made doubly urgent because of the attitude of the Raja of Amethi, Mr Sanjay Singh. He was a close friend of the Prime Minister's younger brother, also called Sanjay, and since these feudal families still carry some influence in rural India, was able to help get both brothers elected. Mr Sanjay Singh has announced, however, that he is tranferring his loyalty to his fellow Uttar Pradesh Raja, Mr V.P. Singh, the former ruler of Manda, former finance and defence minister, and now a former member of Mr Gandhi's Congress (I) party.

Mr V.P. Singh is now the biggest threat to Mr Gandhi. He is mounting a campaign of speeches, public meetings and press statements and – while Parliament sat – made parliamentary attacks on Mr Gandhi's administration. His aim appears either to present himself as an alternative leader to Mr Gandhi within the Congress party or to provide an alternative outside Congress round whom *all* opposition parties could rally.

Mr Gandhi is reacting to the threat in a way that has by now become almost *instinctive* for him. He is having a reshuffle.

First he has reshuffled the general secretaries, that is the administrative and regional *liaison* chiefs, of his party. *He* is reported to be about to have a thorough *reshuffle of his civil service* chiefs, and observers also suggest he is about to embark on the eleventh Cabinet reshuffle since he was made Prime Minister less than three years ago.

***Whether or not* his reshuffles have the desired effect, Mr Gandhi's luck seems to be turning. In the first place, the drought may not be as bad as is being forecast from Delhi. The area around the capital is undoubtedly having its worst monsoon for 80 years, but elsewhere late August rains have done something to save the winter crop.**

Secondly, the opposition is completely failing to unite around Mr V.P. Singh, or indeed around any one person, idea or ideology. It has long been a truism of Indian politics that there is no real alternative to Congress, and so long as Mr Gandhi controls the huge Congress majority in Parliament he is safe for at least the next two years.

Thirdly, and possibly most importantly, the country is becoming a touch weary of the constant accusations and counter accusations over the various alleged illegal payments in various arms contracts.

No one, with the possible exception of the editorialists on the *Indian Express*, really believes Mr Gandhi has enriched himself through corruption. The worst they believe is that he has created the conditions for corruption to thrive, or that his friends have become *corruptly* rich. These are *not matters* for great surprise, much as they may be *matters for censure*, among Indian voters.

In any case the chiefs of the Swedish arms firm, Bofors, whose contract to supply a 115 mm gun to the Indian army is the centre of the dominant scandal, have given a clean chit to Mr Gandhi's close friend, the film star Amitabh Bachchan, whose name has often been mentioned in this connection.

The Swedish Government has also said that *it will not part with embarrassing information* about bribes to Indians. "In short," *commented* Mr S.K. Datta-Ray, *the editor of* the Calcutta daily the *Statesman*, "Mr Gandhi is off the hook."

One danger remains. There is a fear among those who remember 1975 and the run-up to Mrs Gandhi's declaration of an emergency, when normal democratic freedoms were suspended. They remember the attacks made *on newspapers critical of her, the police raids*, and the sudden unexplained failures of *electricity to drive their presses*.

Just over a week ago, a band of tax and revenue agents raided the premises of the *Indian Express*, the largest circulation English-language paper in the country, which has been conducting an effective campaign against Mr Gandhi. The Editors' Guild protested that the raid was a "deliberate attempt to intimidate" *the paper and its rivals. A few days later there* was a sudden and unexplained power failure at the *Indian Express plant*.

Drugs haul

***Istanbul* (AFP)** – Drugs squad officers raided a clandestine *laboratory near Istanbul and* seized 375 lb of pure heroin with a street value of more than £21 million.

Sweets scare

***Kuala Lumpur* (AP)** – Malaysia has returned 38 lb of chocolates to Italy after discovering they contained excessive *amounts of a radio*-active substance, the Health *Ministry* said.

Plane freed

Lagos (Reuter) – Nigeria's *Federal High Court* has ordered the release of an Air *India plane* seized three weeks ago by customs officers who said *they found 70 lb of drugs* on board.

Coal talks

Sydney (Reuter) – Coal miners' leaders will have talks with the Government today aimed at ending a week-long strike.

SPECTRUM

Graham Wood

Peter Ustinov's perfect epitaph for a funny man: "Keep off the grass – it just means there's a body lying here"

Peter and the bear

The West may perceive Peter Ustinov as an amiable if sharp-witted clown. But in Russia, he explains to **Bryan Appleyard**, they see him as a heavyweight intellectual

Peter Ustinov's Russia is not exactly cuddly. But neither is it the land of the Gulag Archipelago. "Russia is the only country," Ustinov explains, "where, until recently, you could get a ticket for having a dirty car. That's why it's not really a gigantic labour camp; it's a gigantic kindergarten in which you get punished for looking away from the blackboard.

"When Mrs Thatcher says she has a nostalgia for Victorian values, I don't think she realizes that 90 per cent of her nostalgia would be satisfied in the Soviet Union." There is the familiar wheezy guffaw and he rocks his spherical torso back and forth.

He is perched uneasily on the edge of an armchair, like a fat budgie on a swing. He is 66. *He has been everywhere and done most things.* Now, late in life, he is revelling in the role of beaming, liberal internationalist.

Friday sees the start of his six-part television series, *Peter Ustinov's Russia.* It is a Canadian production, which sprang from his book, *My Russia.* The book had brought accusations that he was whitewashing the land of the Gulag and politically-directed psychiatry, and the series – judging by the jolly and sadly incoherent first episode – will certainly provoke the same response. Ustinov is unrepentant.

"The traffic is going in the right direction and you can't always blame it for not having arrived yet. I don't think there are any real confrontations between capitalism and communism. They are not alternatives. It's just that when a nation drops below a certain level, a degree of totalitarianism is inevitable to pull it back up again. When it rises to that level a degree of liberalization is inevitable. Democracy starts when a lady can choose between two fridges or a man pick the colour of his car."

He believes the West distorts Russia as much as Russia distorts the West. He says he had been told school computers were not allowed for fear the Soviet authorities would be unable to control the information sources. But in Russia he saw the computers being made for schools and was told of a town whose children were electronically linked with Bologna and Boston.

There are more luxuries – air-conditioning in Siberian flats and electric hand dryers in the toilets – than anybody from the West would expect. And, above all, the vast legacy of Stalinism is being dismantled. "I think *glasnost* started before Gorbachov," Ustinov says. "We proposed this series when Chernenko was in power and we were given *carte blanche.* I think Gorbachov inherited a process of change."

To some, that may sound naive. But the real point is that it echoes the benign, kind-hearted tone of Ustinov's novels, plays and films over the past 40 years. The fictional landscape of his plays and books – daft authority, crazed colonels and rudderless banana republics – is real to him. But these days the banana republic may be the United States or, increasingly, Britain.

On politics . . .

'Democracy starts when a lady can choose between two fridges or a man can pick the colour of his car'

"I think the tendency under this Government is to turn us into a sort of mini-America, and I don't think that is the British way. The old socialist concept of the working man and his family looking like an ad for an insurance company is dead now.

"Everybody is a tiny capitalist, with one share – but one sees the rot in Telecom already. It may induce prosperity but there's no great moral weight behind it. If the only yardstick is the market, I think we're in for big trouble."

He finds Norman Tebbit's attack on the BBC particularly sinister. He believes in the corporation as few others do these days. It makes him feel safe when he hears the World Service on his travels.

Ustinov's ideal Britain would be that of the well-meaning Fifties, when the institutions seemed to work, a benign glow bathed the land and people thought it would be a good idea to "get on" with each other.

He describes himself as a patriot but he lives abroad – a flat in Paris and a house with extensive vineyards in Switzerland – simply because he could never get any peace here: "The number of letters I *still* get from England asking me to open fairs or make speeches . . .

"Before I left, every so often there were rings at the door and it would always be soldiers. It turned out that I was an initiative test. They had to have tea with me or cross the Channel with only sixpence. I wrote to the colonel and sent him some tea in the envelope but they still kept coming."

The problem with all this is Ustinov himself. *The Times* theatre critic Irving Wardle once wrote that God, having given him all the comic gifts, then spoilt the mix by giving him a kind heart. Artistically, he never quite seemed to follow through. His plays, books and films have been well but seldom ecstatically received.

And the image is now blurred. He began as a successful young West End playwright, of the generation of Osborne and Pinter. But impatience led him into everything else that came along. Now he is an ambassador for Unicef, organizing conferences on the future of the world, though to the man in the street he is probably most familiar as a chat show raconteur. It is as if he is too thinly spread, as if some great work has not been created.

But he grows hesitant when talking about the past. He cannot pick his best work – "that is for others" – and he says, slightly abruptly, that he is not sentimental, that regrets are a waste of time.

Yet one thing about Russia does suggest there may be a few. Over there he is known only as a writer, an intellectual. The lighter roles of comic and chat show guest can be left behind. "I appeared very late on the Soviet scene, and I can see what might have happened if I had done something else. There I'm *listened* to with enormous respect. I'm not used to that: I've been in the West too long."

Half Russian but born in England, he evidently suffers from a familiar longing of the Russians for a certain grave seriousness, an air of depth, of solidity. He could have been Piotr Oosteenoff, Soviet academician. Instead there is the infinitely gifted clown, forever poking fun at the variations of an image that was stuck on his classroom wall 60 years ago. 'It was an oleograph of Jesus Christ leading a boy scout by one hand and, with his other, showing him the British Empire laid out in red. Even at the age of six, I thought it was ridiculous."

The schoolboy lives on. He is working on a novel about a Caribbean island, which Columbus ignored, called Macaroon. It is based on Grenada and is even invaded by the Americans. He is organizing his future-of-the-world conferences and he is to appear in a theatrical production of his play *Beethoven's Tenth* in Berlin later this year.

He has no thoughts about mortality – though he says he is "prepared to be surprised" on the matter of an after-life – and he compares the act of thinking about how one will be remembered to the act of suicide. "In my life, which is getting rather long now, I have had several friends who committed suicide. I think they were really nuts. They may have had a compelling reason for doing so, but it always leaves the feeling that they would have liked to have seen the expression on everybody's face – and they couldn't.

"I have the same feeling about epitaphs. I won't be there to enjoy or to cringe. I want mine to read 'Keep off the Grass – it just means there's a body lying here'."

So he will go on being Ustinov, likeable and ill-defined, a one-off. In Switzerland, where he lives with his third wife, Helene (his previous marriages – the first when he was 19 – both ended in divorce), he swims, walks and sails, and writes in a room without a distracting view. His four children are scattered around the world and he has one grandchild. He hopes all of them will "do better than I have".

On fame. . .

'There were rings at the door and it would always be soldiers. It turned out that I was an initiative test'

His talk is rapid, digressive and surprisingly serious. At odd moments his funny voices – Macmillan, a Chinese peasant or a man taped on a recorder with run-down batteries – fill in gaps. He could wring laughter and interest out of a graveyard, but occasionally you sense it is not enough. It might be nice if some fragment of Ustinov, or even Oosteenoff, did endure.

"I'm not Lenin or Mother Teresa. I haven't got the patience or the temperament for that," he says. "But at the same time you never know what you may leave by the wayside which could get picked up . . ."

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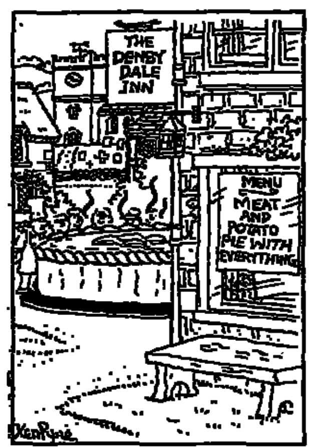
Peter Ustinov's Russia *begins on Friday (BBC2, 9.30-10.20pm).*

A slice of the action

With one year to pie-day, Denby Dale prepares for its next monster bake


THE DENBY DALE INN
MENU
MEAT AND POTATO PIE WITH EVERYTHING

The villagers of Denby Dale, in West Yorkshire, have exactly one year to go to the baking of another of their world-beating meat and potato pies.

The 1988 pie will mark the bicentenary of their first monster . . . which celebrated the return to sanity of George III.

Its size is still a closely-guarded secret, although it is expected to be at least 10 per cent larger than the one produced in the last great bake of 1964, which measured 18 ft by 6 ft and incorporated two tons of beef, two tons of potatoes and several hundredweight of onions.

In the past, Denby Dale pies have marked events of such national importance as the defeat of Napoleon, the repeal of the corn laws and the jubilee of Queen Victoria. However, the decision to bake a pie is usually made too far in advance of the an event for it to have been anticipated.

In 1964, for instance, the pie apparently celebrated the birth of four royal children who had not been conceived when the pie-baking plans were made.

Strict health regulations which have been introduced since 1964 mean that there must be some changes this time. For instance, the cooking method – a hot plate on a low-loading articulated lorry – can no longer be used. The main difficulty seems to be in keeping the pie at a safe serving temperature. This meant that another plan, passing the pie in sections through an oven, also had to be abandoned. The method eventually chosen is understood to involve the use of 28 *computer-governed temperature probes.*

The organizers, who have set up a charitable trust, hope to raise £250,000 to put towards local projects such as building a sports centre or buying nearby woodland.

Aficionados of giant pies will also be interested to know that at the Duke of Devonshire's Chatsworth Park on Sunday the biggest Bakewell pudding in the world will go on show. It contains 210 dozen eggs, a gallon of jam, 300 cwt of flour and 100 cwt of sugar and almonds.

The pudding is one of the attractions of the first Festival of National Parks, and the first slice will be offered to the Princess of Wales.

The history of the Denby Dale pie is not without mishap. In 1887, the ingredients were found to be rancid and the pie had to be interred in quicklime. In 1964, while processing the pie down a steep hill, the gravy spilled out of the front of the dish, scalding some of the bearers. When later attempts were made to use the empty dish as a boat, the crew had to abandon ship as their vessel sank in a nearby lake. It is now in honourable retirement as a flower-bed in front of the village hall.

Catherine Mooney

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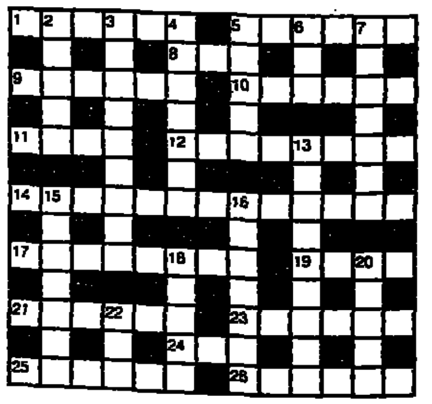

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17 Manipulator (8)
19 Girl (4)
21 Church caretaker (6)
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24 Black/white pigeon (3)
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THE ARTS

Benign crawl

TELEVISION

After a suitably apologetic prologue on Scarborough sands, the avuncular Ronald Eyre dived into the first part of *Seven Ages* (BBC2) with a benign crawl through a tide of received ideas. The only trouble was his apparent willingness to receive them with open arms.

To say that all the available literature on babies is written by adults is baldly true, but one wonders whether Mr Eyre would prefer lepidoptery to be written by butterflies. The real problem is not that we are ignorant of the condition of infancy but that we forget that we remember.

All he had to fall back on was a sort of watered-down Martianism, with him cast in the role of the visiting alien. There followed dribbling footage of a maternity hospital, of the presenter's Laura Ashley godchildren, of daytrips to various play-schools. This reinforced one's preconception that toddlers do not make very good television precisely because they are immune to the medium's blandishments: what self-consciousness they possess in relation to adults is not appreciably modulated when one of those adults happens to be carrying a huge black eye on his shoulder. The rest (to paraphrase) is noise.

Perhaps consolingly, we like to think of the Japanese as childish; and they like to think of us as hairy, smelly and lacking in discipline. *Turning Japanese* (Channel 4) was a watchable collage of footage on that nation's current economic invasion of Britain, from the green screens of the City to the green-field sites of Washington New Town. It was unfortunate that a young English money-person should opine that the Japanese influx "shouldn't concern anyone", as though the rest of us could safely leave the phenomenon to business. It does seem odd that the Government has spent £100 million on providing 500 (non-union) jobs for the benefit of a foreign car-manufacturer.

This programme worked best in its cultural ramblings, with imported housewives enthusing over Royal Doulton china and souvenir teaspoons. From the lofty perspective of the rising sun, Britain must look very like a quaint industrial theme park.

Martin Cropper

Feminism betrays its own cause

GALLERIES

Painting Women
Camden Arts Centre

Austin Osman Spare
Morley

Even without the recent exhibition of Lady Butler at the Army Museum, we could not help being aware that women painted professionally in Victorian England. A number of them, of course, we probably knew primarily as appendages of better-known men: wife of Rossetti, sister of Simeon Solomon, wife of Stanhope Forbes, daughter of Madox Brown and so on. No doubt this male chauvinist way of thinking is very reprehensible, and Deborah Cherry, curator of the exhibition **Painting Women: Victorian Women Artists**, at Camden Arts Centre until October 11, ticks us off firmly for it. Indeed, she goes to the other extreme, by refusing whenever remotely possible to call her artists by their married names, even if these were their usual and familiar forms of labelling themselves (Lady Butler, for instance, remains firmly Elizabeth Thompson), and never mentioning the relationships unless there is some feminist mileage to be got from doing so.

The catalogue and labels show a certain indecision between the two usual feminist lines: i.e., that these artists were great but news of their greatness has been suppressed by masculine self-protection, and that these artists failed to achieve greatness because the men who ruled their world kept them so downtrodden and overwhelmed with domestic chores. Looking at the works themselves, it is difficult to avoid altogether an awareness that there are no unsung geniuses here — for whatever reason. On the other hand there is much that is pleasant and accomplished, technically capable and emotionally ambitious. Much the same, indeed, as one would say of your average mixed-gender (but probably male-dominated) show of Victorian art in general.

Most of the earlier artists are frankly and unashamedly naïve — though that, when you get something as vivid as Alice Squire's *Young Woman in an Attic Bedroom*, is no great disadvantage. A little later come some really outstanding flower-painters, notably Annie Feray Mutrie, who has a quite special gift for capturing the texture of petals in velvety azaleas and papery camelias. This, incidentally, does not sit too well with Ms Cherry, who quotes some rather patronizing remarks from the *Art Journal* in 1869 to suggest that women painters were bound in flowers by bossy men.

Some of the Pre-Raphaelite sisterhood, like Lizzie Siddall and Emma Sandys and Marie Spartelli Stillman, are quite good, in an anaemic sort of way, and Lucy Madox Brown (Rossetti) looks like a far stronger talent in her curiously brooding vision of *The Tempest*. Best of all, Rosa Brett (sister of John) has an astonishingly intense and precise *Study of a Turnip Field* which makes one eager to see more of her work.

Others evidently worthy of renewed attention are Alice Havers, who paints country life from a woman's point of view with considerable force, and the sisters Hayller, Jessica, Edith and Mary, whose domestic scenes have a haunting evocative power. Of course, even here the artist's role as woman poses problems: we might see Edith Hayllar's *A Summer Shower* (a companion piece, by the look of it, to Mary Hayller's *The Lawn Tennis Season*) as depicting a rather droopy swain mooning over a quite happy and self-possessed young woman, but, for Ms Cherry: "In this depiction of the seated woman and the man leaning over her, the picture articulates the relations of power in heterosexuality. The woman is in the private sphere, but she has no protection from masculinity."

If we look at the pictures themselves, we may conclude that these painting woman were often a deal less swooning and subservient than their feminist daughters would have us believe.

Austin Osman Spare is described in the subtitle to the show at the Morley Gallery until September 24 as "the Divine Draughtsman". Some might see him as more diabolic than divine: he was involved all his long life (1886-1956) in occultism and magic which, if not always black, was at least a darker shade of grey. In early days he was a friend and associate of Aleister Crowley, and later he seems to have been torn between a very severe, ascetic form of occultism, such as he advocated in his various writings, and a much more luxuriant form which he celebrated in his colourful and voluptuous works. In other words, he remained throughout a creature of the Nineties, the decade of his precocious adolescence and earliest noticed work (the first piece in the show is a design, possibly for stained glass, dating from his fourteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the glass-making firm of Powells).

Edith Hayllar's *A Summer Shower*: droopy swain and self-possessed young woman, or "the relations of power in heterosexuality"? (detail)

But even from the very beginning he had his own visionary style, clearly of its period but not quite like anybody else's. Most of his work from before the First World War is in the form of black-and-white illustrations, and surprisingly enough he manages to avoid the then pervasive influence of Beardsley and shows only the most ocasional touch of Ricketts. Later, and perhaps coincidentally, he bears some slight resemblance to Hitchcock's artistic mentor Edmund J. Sullivan. But he is as accomplished a draughtsman as any of them, and obviously could have had a great popular success if his own perversity and determined individualism had not alienated most of those who would have been of most help to him.

The major surprise of the show — certainly to anyone who knows anything about Spare — will be the group of extraordinary war-artist drawings from the Imperial War Museum. It is not known whether he was a pacifist, but he was in the Medical Corps, and his drawings depict with a quiet power and humanity (neither normally qualities one would associate with him) the after-effects of battle and the uncomplaining way the medics had of dealing with them. After the war he seems to have had no truck with modern movements: one wonders whether his pastel *Demon Rising* (presumably from the early Twenties) is in fact his satirical comment on Vorticism and such, since the demon rises out of a tangle of Wyndham Lewis-like shapes and colours.

As he became more and more of a recluse (from the London art world, at least) he seems to have spent an increasing amount of time on his angelic and demonic visions, on drawing the simple denizens of the pubs he used and, rather surprisingly, frequenting cinemas or at least going lovingly over film stills. There is a *Satyrization of Clark Gable* from the early Fifties which one would have difficulty identifying without the title, and a portrait of Alexis Smith from 1943, but many of the other more or less fantasized heads look like Dorian Grey versions of film stars, and at least one of the distorted faces, resembling as it does Norma Shearer, raises the question of whether the characteristic curve and vertical elongation of the image was not a result of seeing a screen from somewhere to the left end in the front row of the ninepennies.

Dreamer of dreams or observer of film stars, Spare never seems quite to belong to the same world as the rest of us. He was at the very least a rare and genuine eccentic; but so dazzling were his skills that he cannot be dismissed with the usual patronage. It is not only women who try to break out and get patronized and pigeon-holed for their pains.

John Russell Taylor

● Victorian Women Artists *by Pamela Gerrish Nunn, a study closely associated with the Camden exhibition, will be published by The Women's Press on October 15 at £19.95 (£10.95 in paperback).*

On the prom

THEATRE

Semi-monde
Royalty

As a sparkling pendant to last week's 22-carat production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the Royalty Theatre Company mounted a Sunday evening performance of this early Coward conversation piece, in aid of the Combined Theatrical Charities.

Set as it is in various public rooms of the Ritz Hotel in Paris, with a cast of more than 50, Coward can never have entertained high hopes of a production, even if he had toned down the exuberant chat for the men with boyfriends or the sharply funny lesbian squabbles. Max Reinhardt was thought to be interested. Beverley Nichols tried to get the Norwegian ambassador to support it, which sheds an intriguing light on Scandinavian diplomacy of the period. In the end nobody backed it and Coward was probably relieved.

The 60-year wait for its London première is nevertheless surprising, since it has all the qualities that render it highly suitable for a charity show: undemanding storyline, some wit (mostly snappy put-downs) and the chance to see top actors in tiny parts.

Reinhardt and the ambassador were right to be doubtful of the play's chances, and even today a run of one starry night feels about right. Coward is doing something unusual for the time in putting on stage the floating population of a public place. Characters are always on their way to the bar or the lounge or the terrace; and, in a wider context, passing through Paris on their way from Cannes, St Moritz or Rapallo. The pleasures of the play, although real enough, are those of watching a promenade where nothing very much occurs but it is great fun to see who is there.

A list of some special pleasures in Tim Luscombe's bright production: an icy Patricia Hodge saying "I hate you" thrice; Lionel Blair's Russian toy-boy glancing at June Whitfield's jewelled wrist-watch before kissing her hand; Harold Innocent being rendered speechless by an even camper Aubrey Woods; Sophie Thompson saying to the very dashing young hero, Jonathan Morris, "I'm so desperately curious about you — it's cheap of me, I know"; and, before my space runs out, the relish with which Evelyn Laye declares to Elisabeth Welch that what she would really like is a teeny-weeny triple brandy. I hope they raised a lot of cash.

Jeremy Kingston

Can't Pay? Won't Pay!
Lyceum, Edinburgh

The resident company at Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum have chosen Dario Fo's lively farce *Can't Pay? Won't Pay!* to open their autumn season. Quite rightly they have given the language, in this tale of housewives at the local supermarket taking the law into their own hands, a Scotch snap, courtesy Alex Norton. Rather than update or relocate the play from its original Milan 1974 setting, Norton has reinvented it as a production of a modern Italian comic classic sponsored by some shadowy right-wing off-shore investment trust.

This gives an opportunity for some sharp comments about the limitations of arts sponsorship and allows the director, Hugh Hodgart, to remind us that if all we do is laugh at the ludicrous antics of Fo's characters and leave the theatre untouched by any political experience — the original preoccupations or something grafted on later — we have missed the point.

All of which is fair enough, but you do have to make the farce work first. In this production it just limps along, a lifeless, drab affair in acute need of massive transfusions of energy and an increase in pace of several orders of magnitude. The unfortunate cast seem to know they have a turkey on their hands and go through the motions with an air of growing desperation, relying on asides and ad-libs to salvage their self-respect.

In the interests of accuracy, I must record that a packed first-night audience laughed themselves fit to burst. Even their enthusiasm though was dampened by the song which brought these lacklustre proceedings to a close. It is a trite and tuneless ditty which may have gone over well in the informal school halls and community centres where a touring production of Mr Norton's version of the play was first seen some years ago. In the more demanding arena of the Lyceum it was little short of embarrassing.

Robert Dawson Scott

Liberating character

Hilary Finch meets **Gilbert Deflo,** Belgian producer of Scottish Opera's first *Aida*, opening in Glasgow tonight

Deflo: starts with the score

Aida is arriving in Glasgow for the first time. With two large feathers already waving in their Silver Jubilee cap in the shape of outstanding productions of *Madam Butterfly* and *Billy Budd*, Scottish Opera have given themselves a hard act to follow. The new *Aida* will have to be just right: and the man they have entrusted with the responsibility is the producer who gave Welsh National their important *Die Frau ohne Schatten* six years ago, the director of Brussels' Théâtre de la Monnaie, Gilbert Deflo.

The challenge with the Strauss lay in the process of demystification. *Aida*, on the other hand, presents the problem of choosing the right lens through which to view both the work's epic setting and the intimate, elegiac drama of the chamber opera at its core. Deflo's starting point was the liberation of the characters: "You cannot put them in those ancient dresses; you cannot bring hieroglyphs to life without being ridiculous." Deflo endorses the warning of Verdi's own librettist, Auguste Mariette, that "a king may be quite handsome in granite . . . but when it comes to dressing one of flesh and bone, and making him work and sing, that becomes embarrassing . . .". "He put his finger on the problem at the heart of nearly all the productions we have seen since."

So Deflo turned to the work's original commission. The Khedive of Egypt wanted to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal with the first opera on African soil. "Pure western technology and pure western art! It was, if you like, an act of auto-colonialism." And Deflo did not have to go far for a reminder, too, of the British protectorate. While looking round Glasgow Cathedral, his eagle eyes lighted on a tombstone commemorating a battle of 1882, a sphinx with two feet resting on a British helmet. A ready-made mirror-image for Aida and Amonasro, of minorities revolting against imperialism, it was just too much to resist for a Flemish patriot living in Paris, who has a fine line in caustic Mitterand imitations.

Deflo kept his eyes focused on the Victorian revival of Egyptomania: the furniture, the jewellery, the signs, even in Glasgow's West Nile Street, of the bourgeoisie of the West looking east towards Cairo. "We see the colonialist, in fact, behaving a little bit as if he were Pharaoh." It all began to fall into place. As we walked past the rehearsal space and the costume room, I tripped over a box full of pith helmets, and a photocopied leaf from *Le Moniteur de la mode* of November 1873.

"Think of the terror of the father, the conflict of the lovers, the masochistic feeling of dying for love: it's all so 19th century. This is not a revival of Ancient Egypt; this is real. I don't know a Pharaoh who sings the music of Verdi, but I do know these people." Deflo's speech becomes still more excited. "Think! Think of the impossibility of a woman to live in a society in which even her father behaves like a terrorist. And she chooses death. Women in the 19th century, too, could choose marriage as their creativity — or they could die. Look at Senta. She had no place in that society."

The score is the point of reference to which Deflo always returns. "You can be sure, I will never violate the music for the sake of the theatre. Our profession is to direct the score. Nothing else. I don't want to be mixed up with superficial actualizations. *Fidelio* in Vietnam; *Don Giovanni* in the bathroom: with that I don't have anything to do! I could have turned to the Egyptian revival of the 1950s: think of *The Ten Commandments*, or *Cleopatra*. But this is not right, because it is after the music of Verdi. No, it's not Nasser; no, it's not the Suez of 1956. My *Aida* is visiting Verdi's period with the whole bourgeois philosophy which is in it."

Deflo's only fear is that his images will not be strong enough for what the music tells. Meanwhile, that same reverence in the face of the score is making Deflo increasingly selective about his own work. After six years and nine major productions at La Monnaie, his priority now is time — to travel, to read, to prepare himself perhaps for a distant *Don Giovanni*, a distant *Fidelio*. "I'm afraid to touch them. I wait, I wait. I don't need to be a machine any more . . ."

CONCERT

RLPO/Pešek
Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

Libor Pešek's tenure as principal conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra began with an accident. He marched on to the podium and conducted the National Anthem before the leader had taken his place. And that would hardly be worth reporting if Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto had not suffered from the consequences.

As it was, the playing remained unsteady in a work that needs to unfold with magical smoothness and inevitability. György Pauk produced some wonderful sounds in his attempt to make the music settle; but he and Pesek seemed to adopt diametrically opposed views of the work. Nearly every transition went wrong in some way. The result was a performance that both would presumably prefer to forget.

Mahler's Fifth Symphony was a different matter, though. Here Pesek showed that he already has the orchestra's complete loyalty. He also showed a highly personal approach, one that may conflict with received wisdom but works in its own terms.

Rarely can the opening funeral march have sounded so unlike its title; and in the second movement Pesek seemed intent on soft-pedalling the fury so that he could concentrate on the lyrical elements. Evidently the point of all this was to focus attention on the massive central scherzo, which he presented as the very essence of the symphony.

Claire Briggs from the Northern Sinfonia deputized as the solo horn-player. With a huge dynamic range and absolute security she helped Pesek to move the performance into a new and joyful dimension. The strings and harp responded immaculately to a relatively brisk reading of the Adagietto. And in the finale — which Pesek presented as an extended coda to the central climax — the brass produced some memorably fine playing under the redoubtable leadership of Alan Stringer' trumpet.

David Fallows

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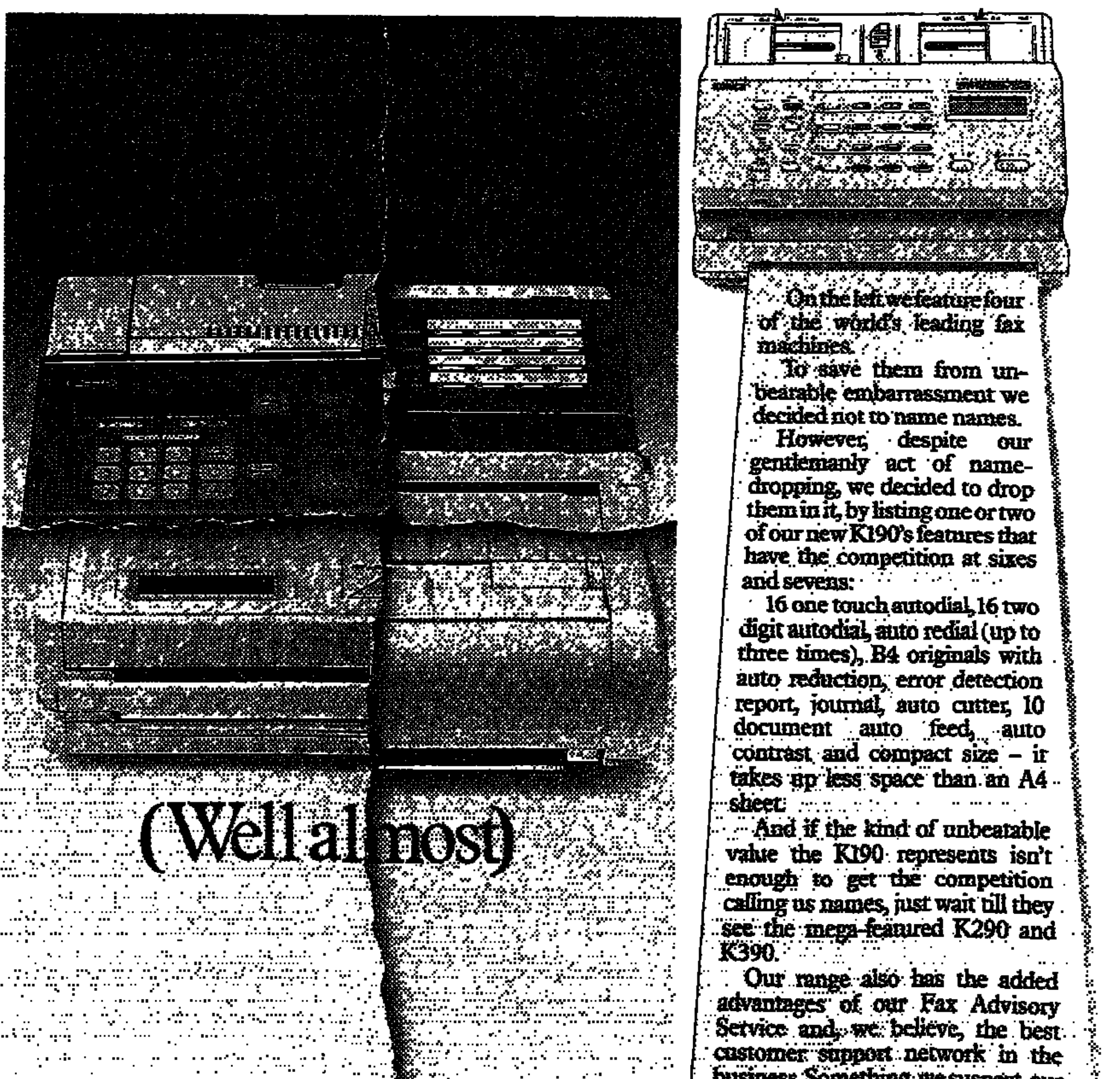

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Bowled under

Organizers of the National Maritime Museum's exhibition marking the 400th anniversary of the Armada are clearly anxious not to offend the Spanish, now that they are our trusted partners in Europe. In a six-page brochure for next year's exhibition. Sir Francis Drake and his victory are not mentioned. Instead, the exhibition will contrast "the Duke of Parma's expert preparations" with the "somewhat chaotic English plans of defence", and emphasis will be placed on the King of Spain's "political convictions, personality and artistic interests". The intention, the leaflet explains, is to "help dissolve old myths and prejudices". The Armada Group, which is co-ordinating the anniversary plans (and has been blessed with the telephone number 582 1588) said that with the Spanish ambassador on the committee. "it would not be diplomatic to go 'Rah, rah, we gave them a thrashing'." But the museum has not entirely forgotten Drake: at a press conference tomorrow an actor dressed as Sir Francis will hand out information packs.

● Liberal activists at the party's Harrogate conference have doctored a cache of Greenwich by-election badges. Instead of "Say Hello", they now read "Say Goodbye to Rosie Barnes".

Union benefit

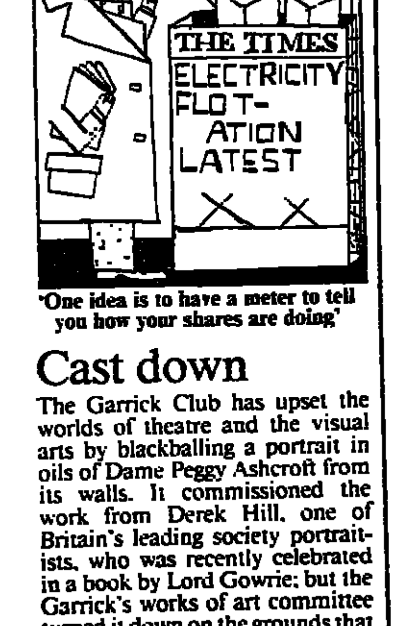
The management of the Ramada Hotel in Brighton must be unusually grateful to staff who have decided to join a union. By offering union recognition to the "minority" who have signed up with the General and Municipal, the hotel has been able to save its mass booking for the Labour conference later this month. Labour had threatened to cancel (PHS September 9) if the hotel, opened only this summer, did not get its act together.

● The second Mrs John Wakeham has had a baby. The leader of the Commons, who married his secretary, Alison, two years ago, welcomed their first child, an 8lb boy, David, into the world at an NHS hospital in Winchester yesterday.

Streetwise

My story of the Savile Club man charged for a parking space by the driver who was leaving it (PHS September 10) has inspired one of his fellow members to tell his own tale of woe. Having hailed a taxi outside the East India Club in St James's Square, Jason Lindsey was amazed when the disembarking passenger demanded £5 for the use of "his" cab. "When, naturally, I refused, the driver got on to his radio and reported the incident, upon which the passenger dashed into (intriguingly) the Acas headquarters . . ."

BARRY FANTONI



'One idea is to have a meter to tell you how your shares are doing'

Cast down

The Garrick Club has upset the worlds of theatre and the visual arts by blackballing a portrait in oils of Dame Peggy Ashcroft from its walls. It commissioned the work from Derek Hill, one of Britain's leading society portraitists, who was recently celebrated in a book by Lord Gowrie; but the Garrick's works of art committee turned it down on the grounds that it is not good enough. The Garrick's secretary, Martin Harvey, denying that Dame Peggy's leftish sympathies had cost her a place beside fellow thespians Sybil Thorndyke and Edith Evans, told me: "It was a poor likeness and an unfortunate composition with far too much blank space." "An extraordinarily unaesthetic judgement," countered a contemporary of Hill's yesterday. Dame Peggy, 80 this year, told me she now had the 12ft x 8ft canvas at her London home. "It is a delicate situation — I think it's a delightful portrait."

Flown

A twitcher's lot is not a happy one. Last week hundreds of bird watchers descended on Pickering in north Yorkshire to catch a glimpse of one of Europe's most spectacular birds, the Bee-eater, which normally comes no further north than Brittany. A number, migrating to Africa, were caught up in the recent gale force winds which carried them hundreds of miles the wrong way. Nine were spotted feasting on honey bees in local woodland. Sadly, news of their visit reached one Canadian enthusiast, Victor McCabe, too late. He travelled from Toronto only to find that the birds had left only hours before he arrived.

PHS

Electricity: a formula for competition

by Alex Henney

Yesterday the Cabinet started to consider how to privatize the electricity supply industry (ESI). On this it has an opportunity to redeem the election pledge the Conservative Party gave in 1983 that it would not "merely replace state monopolies by private ones as that would waste a historic opportunity to ensure they do not exploit their monopoly position to the detriment of customers". The government broke the pledge blatantly in privatizing British Telecom and British Gas.

There is a simple and compelling case for privatizing the ESI but only provided competition replaces monopoly, where possible, to ensure that customers get a good service. The ESI has not served us well; electricity costs a fifth more than it should.

Part of the cost arises because the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) is run as a political, not a commercial, undertaking. Coal-fired plants have been ordered to please the miners; nuclear plants to please the nuclear lobby. By government *diktat* the CEGB relies almost entirely on expensive British coal even though it could save £1,000 million a year by burning oil, buying coal from private mines in the UK and importing coal.

The industry's own inefficiency costs us dear. It has overrun budgets by up to 100 per cent and planned construction time by a decade. Once built, the plants are overmanned and there is similar overmanning in many of the area distribution boards to whom we pay our bills.

However, the industry looks after itself very well. It uses its dominant power to choke off the little competition there is. It minimizes internal discomfort by adopting a very relaxed attitude to improving performance and enjoys a cosy relationship with the unions. The ESI pays up to a fifth more than British industry. As one employee recently wrote: "No private industry management will continue to support the generous working arrangements that staff currently enjoy".

Union and management sing off the same hymn sheet about "our great industry". Now union leader John Lyons gets briefings from the CEGB and plays a two-part hand, fronting the argument for the CEGB to remain intact.

Philip Jones, chairman of the Electricity Council, wants to convert the council into a holding company owning all 12 area boards, and wants them under-regulated like British Gas. Considerations of efficiency and service are not of paramount importance.

There are no conceivable advantages to customers in creating the largest private distribution monopoly in the world. The Cabinet should go for a number of properly regulated companies whose performance can be assessed in the stock market with the usual carrots and sticks.

Walter Marshall and John Baker, chairman and managing director respectively of the CEGB, want to keep it intact. They are insinuating that if the grid and the dispatch computer control were taken away costs would increase because the plants would not run in cost-efficient order (they do not now) and there might be a major system collapse.

There is no substance to these claims. The plants would continue to run in economic order (and without political interference) and system stability could be controlled in exactly the same way with an independent grid.

Nuclear power is the CEGB's great white hope both for survival and for easy regulation. It claims the only way to privatize nuclear power is to keep it intact and sell the ugly ducklings along with the family silver; and since it does not know the cost of reprocessing and disposing of nuclear waste (it has just provided £400 million to make up for past under-provision) or know how much the plants will cost to decommission, clearly it cannot be price-controlled.

No investor should want any part of the eight old Magnox nuclear reactors. They are coming to the end of their useful lives and will have to be decommissioned for an unknown cost. The five advanced gas-cooled reactors are not running reliably (one, in fact, is only half complete). Furthermore, they have an unknown life and may be subject to an imposition of safety costs after the next nuclear disaster. They could, however, be left in public ownership and leased to the CEGB's successor(s) for the period of their operating lives with the owner retaining liability for decommissioning and safety-cost burdens.

The last throw of the nuclear dice is to claim that only the CEGB would be big enough to build a new station. This may be true because no one else in their right commercial mind would want to build one. After 30 years of trying, no nuclear power station built in Britain generates more cheaply than coal plants competently built and using competitively priced coal.

Ideally, the CEGB should be broken into competing pieces comprising its five regional administrative organizations linked with power stations dispersed around the country, and the great talents in the board released from below the deadweight of its managerial bureaucracy. If such a radical approach is not feasible within a practical time scale, then a third of its oil and coal plants should be sold to management buy-outs and the buyers set to compete against it. They would find the going easy.

Despite promises, Mrs Thatcher's privatization of BT and British Gas merely refinanced the corporate state by selling off state-created privileges and entrenched inefficiency. This time, Prime Minister, no turning please.

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Tony Blair

Danger, men not at work

A conference starting in Warwick today will excite no public or press interest and will pass no resolutions. Yet it will be debating matters of life and death.

It is the annual conference of EMAS, the Employment Medical Advisory Service, an arm of that unfashionable body the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Four days ago, Dr Anne Harrison, a constituent and doctor working for EMAS in Darlington, came to see me. An honest and non-political woman, she explained in a concise and matter-of-fact way what she did.

The function of EMAS is to prevent work-related disease. It can act in response to an appeal for help from an employer, trade union or ordinary worker. It can also act on its own initiative. Over the past 14 years, since being established by a Conservative government with all-party support in 1973, it has identified new sources of industrial illness, pioneered preventive health care in the work place and saved thousands from ill health or death.

Dr Harrison, who has been with EMAS since its inception, told me of just two examples of her work. The first concerned a factory that for years had been unwittingly exposing its employees to chrome dust, causing a weekly case of painful ulceration. The intervention of EMAS led to the adoption of specialized treatment which ended the problem.

The second was the screening for asthma of Youth Training Scheme members. Motor-car paint spray in particular can cause asthma and for those susceptible, or having asthma already, contact with this spray can be fatal. Thanks to EMAS, appropriate action was taken and the risk to these youngsters minimized.

The reason Dr Harrison felt she had to see me is that next year the HSE faces a £9 million deficit. EMAS will bear its share of the cut. In 1979, the Darlington office had two full-time doctors, one part-timer and a nurse, together with adequate back-up support. The support has already been pruned substantially, and the part-timer gone. When Dr Harrison's colleague leaves next month it is not clear whether he will be replaced. What *is* clear in Dr Harrison's eyes is that if any further cuts take place the service cannot be maintained.

She had never previously lobbied an MP but could not stay silent as the service was being destroyed. It is not hard to imagine the frustration and anger of these dedicated professionals. They know the value of their work because daily they see its effects; but it could be totally undermined with a flick of a Treasury pen.

Of course, what is happening to EMAS is a microcosm of the fate of the entire HSE. A fifth of its science and engineering research jobs have been cut over the past seven years and a similar proportion of factory inspectors. The HSE monitors everything from nuclear power plants and the manufacture of explosives to carpenters' shops. In all these diverse areas danger will be on the increase.

In case it is thought our working environment is becoming safer, and the need for the HSE diminishing, the opposite is the case. Last week *Which?* magazine reported that the rate of deaths and serious injuries per 100,000 employees has increased.

Every year about 1,500 people die at work or of work-related diseases. The reasons for the increase are various, but to me worth noting. As economic circumstances have become tighter, health and safety is an easy area for employers to cut; and with the growth in small businesses the number of high-risk workshops has multiplied accordingly.

The bottom line is that people will die who otherwise would have lived. Their names will not be known to us, their faces are unlikely to appear in the local newspaper, but die they surely will, victims of this policy of malign neglect.

The total yearly budget of EMAS is just over £4 million — one tenth of what the government spent advertising gas privatization, one fifth of what was released in tax concessions in last year's budget to Personal Equity Plan holders, most of whom are higher-rate taxpayers. It is a sum so small that the Red Book detailing the government's accounts would deem it "negligible" and unworthy of mention. Yet we talk of "value for money" in public finance.

Why the government pursues such a policy is not hard to fathom. It has a doctrinaire dislike of the public sector, bordering on loathing, which in this instance is combined with the ingrained prejudice about "meddling with private industry".

This leads it to two errors. It fails to distinguish between the goal of an efficient public sector, which is entirely admirable, and a merely reduced one, which is quite another thing. Cost-cutting is not the same as efficiency unless the level of service remains constant, which, in the case of HSE, is demonstrably not the case.

But second, government thinking cannot see past this year's balance sheet. Yes, health and safety cost money, but in the long term a healthy workforce saves money by being more productive and less of a strain on other national resources.

Those most at risk will be those least able to look after themselves — the low paid, the most desperate, the friendless, the inexperienced. Just how civilized or rational a society are we when we can devote newspaper front pages to the fate of the 25 football "fans" standing trial in Belgium yet turn the other way when our government, acting on our behalf, puts the lives of so many other youngsters in jeopardy?

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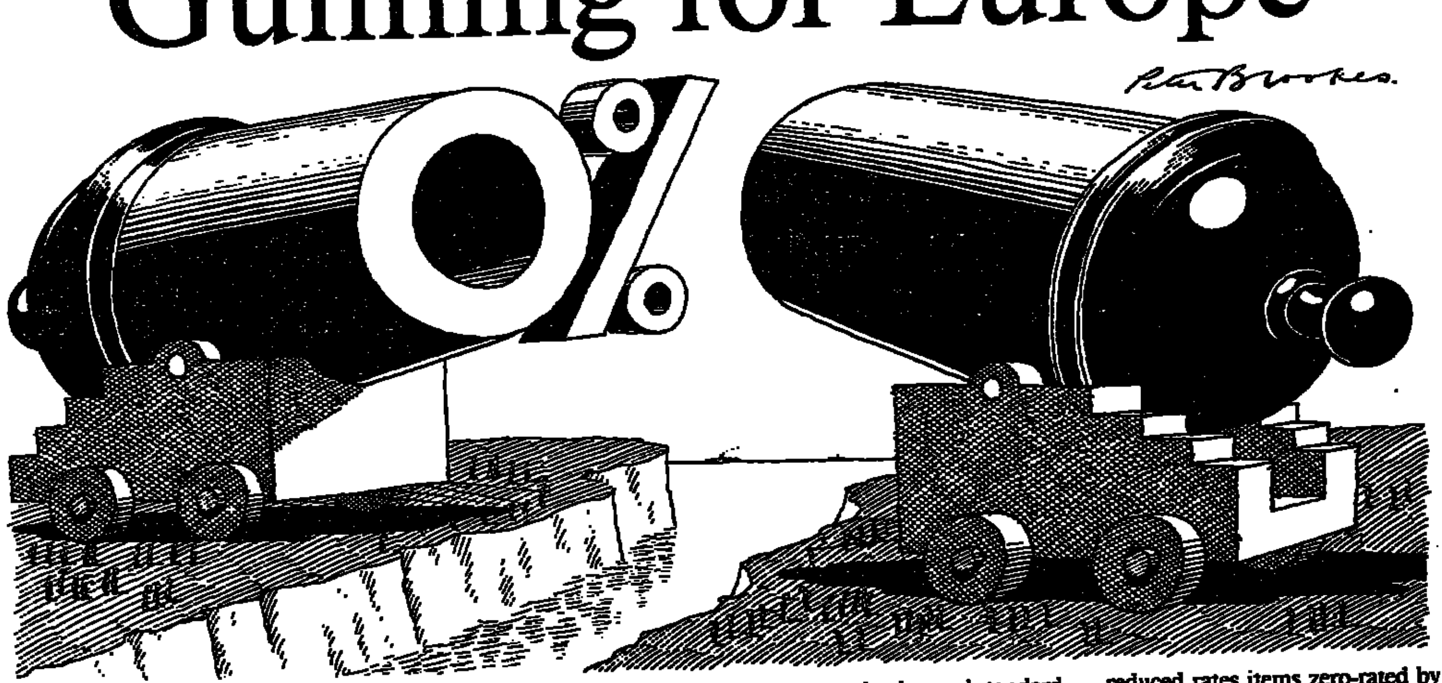
Richard Owen on the Briton who puts the Common Market first

Gunning for Europe



Brussels

Hearings begin at the European Court in Luxembourg today in the case of the EEC versus Britain over VAT zero rating. The likely result is that Britain (and Ireland) will eventually be forced into line with most other EEC members and impose VAT on food, children's clothing and new housing, which are now exempt.

Strangely, the man who provides the driving force for this move is British: Lord (Arthur) Cockfield, the senior of Britain's two EEC commissioners, with responsibility for the internal market.

Lord Cockfield's dogged insistence that EEC interests must override national considerations has brought him into frequent conflict with Mrs Thatcher, most recently over the question of the new EEC trademark office.

The member state that gets the office, which will co-ordinate a unified trademark system, will benefit considerably, with thousands of jobs being created. The British government wants the office in London: Lord Cockfield insists that there are three other candidates, Munich, Madrid and the Hague. As a commissioner and EEC vice-president, he argues, he has to be above nationalism.

"We have to look ahead to a time when we will owe allegiance to Europe as well as to Britain," he said recently. "We see no contradiction between owing regional loyalty to Wales or Scotland and a higher loyalty to the United Kingdom. In years to come we will quite naturally owe a national loyalty to Britain and a simultaneous allegiance to Europe as a whole."

This visionary approach is all the more remarkable coming from a man appointed to Brussels four years ago as a pragmatist, even a sceptic. Mrs Thatcher strongly supports completion of the internal market by 1992, including fiscal harmonization, not least because of the opportunities it opens up for British industries and services. But Lord Cockfield has seized the portfolio with a fervour which far exceeds London's original intentions. He will not be budged even by Mrs Thatcher's formidable powers of persuasion. (He once remarked, with gentle mockery, that a statue should go up on the cliffs of Dover depicting the Prime Minister pointing at the Continent with the words "There lies our future" on the plinth).

Little in his background suggests Euro-idealism. Lord Cockfield was managing director of Boots in the 1960s, government adviser on taxation and minister of state at the Treasury in the 1970s. The life peerage came in 1978, with his career in British politics culminating in a stint as Secretary of State for Trade and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a place in the Cabinet.

An LSE-educated barrister and economist, he has a dry, deadpan style and a deliberately ponderous manner of speech. A deeply held belief in Britain's historic links with Europe came to the surface in Brussels, transforming him into a man, in the words of one diplomat, "more European than the Europeans".

Perhaps Lord Cockfield's Channel coast outlook (he comes, as he frequently remarks with pride, from Dover) enables him to scan some distant horizon far beyond daily dispiriting EEC squabbles over harmonization and standardization. He holds fast to the "great and imaginative effort of renewal" on which the Twelve have embarked, an effort he regards as comparable to the post-war reconstruction of Europe itself. Completion of the internal market is part of this "great adventure", the rock on which Europe's destiny in the year 2000 will be built.

His views on the VAT issue, Lord Cockfield and his staff say, have therefore been widely misrepresented, (not least perhaps by Lord Denning, Lord Cockfield's most vociferous opponent and a man whose deeply nationalistic roots lead him to opposite conclusions).

"People talk as if we want to see British children going barefoot, hungry and roofless," one irritated Cockfield aide remarked.

Lord Cockfield's starting point is the fragmentation of the Common Market which, he argues, inhibits growth and obstructs the Twelve's ability to compete with America and Japan. Tax differentials within the EEC will distort the market once all barriers are removed (theoretically in 1992, though the timetable is slipping).

In any case, completion of the internal market, fiscal approximation included, was laid down by the Treaty of Rome, to which Britain is committed, and reaffirmed by successive EEC summits. Why should anyone be surprised that it is happening? Lord Cockfield asks, why have objectors only woken up now, when the proposals have been mooted for years? The commission is only bringing Britain and Ireland into line with other EEC states, most of which tax at reduced rates items zero-rated by the British and Irish.

This is a consultative process, and Britain, like other states, can make a case for exemptions, which will be duly considered. The commission does not really, one suspects, have much sympathy for exemptions, However, it argues (correctly) that concessions which exist in Britain and Ireland on VAT zero rating were granted on the assumption that they would be temporary exemptions from EEC law. The time is now up. Or, as Lord Cockfield puts it, the march toward European unity cannot be stopped, and Britain has a clear choice: to be part of "the great adventure", or to be left behind, an offshore island.

"Europe stands at the crossroads . . . we either go ahead or we drop back into mediocrity," he observed when his White Paper on the internal market first appeared two years ago. Britain is not alone in finding the Cockfield VAT proposals objectionable, and several countries, including Denmark, Italy, Ireland and France, have indicated they will demand modification of the fiscal approximation measure before it passes through the Council of Ministers to become law.

For that matter, the European Court may rule in Britain's favour. Even if zero rating does end, there is still room for manoeuvre within several proposed EEC tax rate "bands". But on balance, British consumers could well end up paying more for children's shoes, food and the houses they live in. How many would agree that this is a sacrifice worth making in the wider interests of European integration is another matter.

Much more on trial than the judge

Washington

The controversy surrounding the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the US Supreme Court which has been gathering momentum all summer culminates today when the formal hearings of the Senate Judiciary Committee begin.

To his opponents the 60-year-old federal appeals court judge is an ideological extremist, a right-wing zealot who intends to dismantle many of the social reforms of the past 20 years. To his supporters he is a formidably intelligent and well qualified judge who will tip the balance on the Supreme Court, enabling it at last to institute those social changes that for so long eluded President Reagan and frustrated conservatives. At stake, both sides agree, is the direction of the US Supreme Court for years to come.

President Reagan has made the nomination his top domestic priority, and has lobbied ceaselessly. Two of the likely presidential candidates have made the outcome central to their campaigns: Senator Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader in the Senate, who is leading the fight to uphold the nomination, and Senator Joseph Biden, the Delaware Democrat who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee and who, even before the hearings have begun, announced somewhat rashly that he will vote against.

The hearings will not only shape the public image of Judge Bork, but of the senators involved and, more broadly, of the two parties themselves. If Bork comes across as a thoughtful, skilled and well-qualified conservative, Senator Biden and fellow Democrats may be vulnerable to the charge that they are conducting an "unprecedented ideological inquisition". If, however, he is seen as a threatening extremist, President Reagan's authority will suffer.

The battle is so intense because it is so close, and because it has become a political struggle rather than the traditional argument employed during nomination hearings over whether the candidate is professionally qualified. Polls show that the general public is evenly but sharply divided. So is the American Bar Association. Ten members of its review committee last week gave Bork the highest rating, "well qualified", but four dissenters found him "not qualified", while one member voted "not opposed".

Most important of all is the division within the 14-member Senate Judiciary Committee. Five Democrats are solidly opposed to Bork, five Republicans support him, and the remaining four members — three Democrats and one Republican — have not made up their minds. The committee's vote is crucial in influencing the full Senate vote later.

Judge Bork, who has tried to maintain a low profile during the public dissection of his earlier judgments, opinions and writings, has become a lightning rod for those already committed to either side in the long-running debates over race, religion, the scope of personal privacy and the status of women. All these are questions on which the Supreme Court itself is evenly divided. Justice Lewis Powell, whom Bork would succeed, often cast the deciding vote, most notably in rulings that rejected the Reagan administration's efforts to limit affirmative action on race.

One of the main arguments is whether the Senate has a right to block a nomination on political grounds. This is especially important in America where the system of "checks and balances" is meant to ensure that the three branches of government — the administration, Congress and the Supreme Court — maintain the equilibrium of power. Until recently it has been accepted that Congress, which has the right to share in the appointment of senior officials, should use its blocking power with discretion, lest a permanent stalemate develop when Congress and the executive are of different parties.

Bork's proponents say the Supreme Court has itself exceeded its authority in recent years, and "judicial restraint" is now needed to stop its intervening in day-to-day affairs. But his opponents say the US now has a consensus on such issues as race and women's rights which Bork seeks to overturn, and therefore Congress has the duty to oppose him on political and ideological grounds.

The high drama on Capitol Hill may not be as enthralling as the Iran-Contra hearings. But there is no doubt that its outcome will affect the lives of millions of Americans in a way that far exceeds anything Colonel Oliver North did or said.

Michael Binyon

however . . . Henry Stanhope

Droning on in silence

I have just returned from a conference in Barcelona. What with Basque terrorists, air traffic controllers and a virulent strain of asthma sweeping the city, this is something of an achievement. But my colleagues do not think so. They think I have been on a kind of expenses-paid holiday.

One's colleagues at work always do. I have stood beside lonely Norwegian fjords in an icy drizzle at 5am watching allied marines, weighed down by their back packs, splashing ashore like seals in some futile military exercise or other. "Lucky blighter," they all say on one's return. "Have a good time, did you?"

Admittedly it was not like that in Barcelona. The Catalan sun shone generously — if anything too generously for a city where the humidity level is high and the standard of air conditioning rather low. The only shortage was time. It always is at conferences I go to.

Most conferences are attended by two kinds of people, the Doers and the Drones. The Doers are those who deliver all the papers, lead discussions and engage one in earnest conversation over lunch about socio-economic problems of the Maghreb. The Drones meanwhile sit quietly at the back wondering whether it might not be a lot more fun on the wives' programme and where in Heaven's name is the Maghreb.

They are, however, essential to any conference, since without them the industrious Doers would have nobody to address. An experienced conference Drone can listen with apparently rapt attention for half an hour while actually working out how many pesetas he needs for the rest of his stay.

I am usually kept pretty busy writing postcards — scenes of Barcelona at night in which the lights of a dozen tower blocks twinkle in the indigo waters of the harbour, pretty much as they do in Hull or Aberystwyth. Then I have to spend much of my time searching for the BBC World Service on my radio, BBC World Service being not only the best of its kind around but also the most exclusive.

I have a Toshiba transistor with nine shortwave bands. This means that instead of having to find a needle in a haystack I need to look for it in nine of them. I can always hear French, German, Russian, American and, for all I know Malawi radio with perfect clarity, and by now know the Dutch national anthem rather better than my own. But BBC World Service comes and goes in the manner of a hapless poltergeist.

The other day I was listening to the news from Britain while shaving. I was engrossed in a tale about Arthur Scargill and some curious altercation with a fan, when we were interrupted by what sounded like a monastic choir singing the Nunc Dimittis. Refusing to believe that the incident had been as serious as this, I yielded to the temptation to re-tune — and of course was immediately lost among the frequencies.

Yet there seem to be open spaces on shortwave where nobody broadcasts at all — these being reserved for someone who is learning to play the oboe. What I don't understand is why the BBC cannot move to one of these and stay there — in the manner of a family moving from a crowded council estate in Peckham to a detached house with large garden in the country. However . . .

At least I didn't have to join the sight-seeing tours on Saturday. If there is one thing nicer than visiting a city for the first time it's going there for the second — which means one has "done" the Gothic Quarter, the Catalan Museum, the art gallery and all the other things that the people of Spain's second city are justly proud of.

We took our son to Paris when he was young, not so that he would enjoy himself *then* but so that he would on his next visit . . . and the next . . . and the one after that . . . No more will he have to get footsore in the Louvre to gawp at the Mona Lisa, stare at Napoleon's tomb or queue in the sun to ascend the Eiffel Tower. Next time he can simply slump down in one of those wonderful pavement cafés near the Opera and watch the world and his wife (or as like as not someone else's wife) go by.

Still, it's nice to be back for a rest, whatever my colleagues might think. My postcards should arrive in the next few days and I've already caught up on the news of Arthur Scargill. Now I just need to look up the atlas and find where that wretched Maghreb is . . .

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MR SCARGILL'S ENEMIES

Sir Robert Haslam is the very model of a modern nationalized industry chairman. He praises competition but prefers monopoly. He likes privatization but worries when old corporate values die. He applauds peripheral Thatcherite doctrines like the non-interference by politicians in industry. But he abhors the Prime Minister's central concern about the coalmines, the notion that within them lie enemies of the state.

All of which might make him an excellent man to manoeuvre British Coal into eventual profitability and private ownership, were it not for the continued existence of the chief of those enemies, the very model of a modern Marxist agitator, Mr Arthur Scargill. The dispute with the National Union of Mineworkers over a revised disciplinary code betrays the classic symptoms of Sir Robert's preference for the pleasant issues over the real ones. So far, the results have brought only damage; if they continue along current lines they could bring disaster.

For there was more at issue at yesterday's meeting between British Coal and the NUM executive than the improved efficiency that might stem from a stronger code of discipline. Although the search for such a code is not to be decried, the effect of that search so far has been to put at risk the one clear achievement of the miners' strike two years ago, the establishment of an alternative union for miners.

As long as the Union of Democratic Mineworkers exists in its present form Mr Scargill can never again hold the country to ransom. If it were encouraged to expand, the UDM could eventually prevent Mr Scargill from even making the attempt.

It is, therefore, of far greater importance for Mr Scargill to destroy the UDM than to negotiate more kindly disciplinary arrangements. It ought to be far more important for British Coal to protect the UDM than to get a tougher code. But as the two old combatants slug it out over the negotiating table, according to conventions that the men of both sides have learnt from their first days on the job, the other union seems to be forgotten.

For the UDM, despite reservations about a number of details, has already given the revised code its tacit acceptance. Not surprisingly, that decision has been amplified by Mr Scargill. It has been distorted into a grovelling subjection to management diktat.

It is rightly said that the UDM was unwise not to let its worries be heard. It may more strongly be said that British Coal was unwise to formulate the revisions as it did. It may still more strongly be said that British Coal showed incompetence in communicating its real intentions, incompetence that is typical of an industry where information traditionally comes by nudge and whisper between the twin monopolists of workers and of work.

The result, however, is that every subsequent shift in Sir Robert's negotiating position has been able to be presented by Mr Scargill as a snub to his real enemy. Yesterday afternoon the talks broke up without agreement on the outstanding issue of appeal procedures. It is vital that British Coal now bends its position not at all – whatever blandishments the advisers and conciliators may bring.

The UDM can be criticized for expecting too much of British Coal. Since the strike it has had to watch while NUM members were paid the pay rise that was negotiated for UDM members alone. It has more recently had to endure a a pay deal for weekly paid industrial staff which has severely cut the wages of some of its members.

But the inexperience of a vital young union cannot be allowed to lead to its decline and death. An overtime ban by the National Union of Mineworkers may impede British Coal's path to profit. A humiliation to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers imperils much more than that.

AMONG THE ACTIVISTS

The majority of Liberals do not find any difficulty of principle in a merger with those Social Democrats who are willing to merge with them. Mr Steel and his closer associates have always disliked the twin-headed Alliance, believing that a merger would strengthen what they regard as their pragmatism and produce more coherent policies.

Even many of those who have most disliked Dr Owen's SDP welcome merger as a means of freeing themselves from an encumbrance that has cramped their style. Taking comfort from their majority in the merged party, they are sure that once the deal is done they will run the show. In particular, both Mr Steel and his critics in the Liberal grass-roots see advantages for themselves in grafting something of the SDP structure onto the new constitution.

The constitution of the Liberal Party, like the 18th-century Polish state, might be described as despotism tempered by anarchy. The Liberal Assembly is a vigorous free-talking resolution-passing body of activists who bring what used to be called their protest and pavement politics right under their leader's nose. It represents the anarchy in the Liberal constitution.

The sort of damage it can do was exemplified by the unilateralist motion in defiance of Mr Steel which nearly wrecked the Alliance accord before the last election. That sort of thing can be acutely embarrassing for a leader. But the Liberal activists, themselves natural protestors, harvest protest votes in mid-term by-elections and create the triumphs which keep the party alive.

They provide a party for Mr Steel to lead, and he can put up with them because he can veto their demands, which is what he did on nuclear defence. If the Liberal Assembly is the anarchy, its leader represents the despotism.

The SDP, however, is a highly structured and centralized party in which a higher echelon of activists, in the form of the 480 members of the Council for Social Democracy, makes policy, but only in agreement with the policy committee. Its Consultative Assembly can talk but cannot pass resolutions. The influence of the Council has not undermined the leader's authority because SDP activists, unlike their Liberal equivalents, are not hyperactive. They cultivate the virtue of realism which many left Labour to rediscover.

But if the vigorous Liberal activists of the merged party are given a structured SDP constitution which they can capture in order to dominate policy, it is arguable that life could be more difficult for Mr Steel and his friends. It is not surprising that Mr Tony Greaves, the former leader of the Association of Liberal Councillors who made it the powerful implement of the grass-roots, has advocated going along with merger. It could put the Liberal leadership under the kind of activists' domination from which Mr Kinnock would like to escape in the Labour Party. Yet it is not necessarily the structure of a party which determines its extremism or moderation. The old Labour Party, despite the power its activists had to foist policy on their leaders, for long remained responsive to moderate leadership and its broad working class constituency. Today it no longer is.

As for the Conservatives, their leaders, like the Liberals', are not bound by their party conference. Yet this seldom leads to embarrassing conflict because Tory constituency workers remain generally representative of the sort of voters the party must attract. When there is an issue on which the Tory conference feels deeply against its hierarchy, the leaders must take notice. But they have less need than the other parties to redress the balance between Tory activists and voters.

Both supporters of Mr Steel and Mr Greaves have their hopes of the new merged constitution. In the end it will be policies which are decisive. They will depend on the kind of people who are attracted as activists to the new party.

AFTER HERR HONECKER

Foreigners could be forgiven for thinking that for three or four years West Germany's politics have been about the consequences of having Herr Erich Honecker to stay for a few days: the consequences, that is, of the elderly builder of the Berlin Wall ambling sentimentally around his old *Heimat* in the Saarland, as if he were just one of the pensioners whom his regime lets out from time to time, and not the man who keeps them in for the rest of the time.

For much of the 1980s, immense amounts of newsprint in West Germany have been expended on this question. Hardly had Herr Honecker disappeared back behind his wall, than the voters went to the polls on Sunday in Schleswig-Holstein and Bremen. So we know the answer. The Honecker visit had no consequences.

The party (the Christian Democrats) whose national leader (Herr Kohl) invited Herr Honecker lost its absolute majority in Schleswig-Holstein, and more seats than expected in the Social Democrat-ruled Bremen. None of this happened to the CDU because it brought over Herr Honecker, any more than the party was ever likely to save seats because of the trip. All main parties, nationally and in the two *Länder*, excitedly identified themselves with the visit.

No party benefited, except possibly the East German Communist Party. People voted on national and regional issues. Not for the first time, the West German electorate has remained calm in the face of the widespread assumption – so often made both by some of its own politicians and by much of the outside world – that reunification is important to it. So it is, in a metaphysical sort of way. But, mercifully, Germans no longer look to politicians to satisfy such longings.

Herr Honecker's visit may be followed by more East Germans being allowed to visit their relatives in West Germany. If that happens, it will depend on relations between the two super-powers rather than between the two Germanys, as did Herr Honecker's visit itself (stopped by the Soviet Union when it was on bad terms with the United States in 1984, allowed when the Soviet Union wants to be on good terms in 1987).

The CDU undoubtedly hoped the visit would help them last Sunday in the two *Länder*. Hence its timing. But, once before, Herr Kohl overestimated the electoral benefits to be gained from an event connected with reconciliation and German national feeling. His inveigling of President Reagan into laying wreaths on German war graves at Bitburg in 1985 was followed by severe CDU losses in theNorth-Rhine Westphalia election. Again, the one did not cause the other – just was irrelevant to it.

All this is good for the Federal Republic and the world. The electorate was wise to re-elect Herr Kohl last January. It is wise now to tell him that since then his Government – re-elected on a pledge of tax reform and similar liberalization – has not done much. This inactivity was caused by fear of losing votes in this year's succession of *Land* elections, in all of which the votes were nevertheless lost.

It would have been better for the Federal Government to have embarked on such needed measures as cutting the bloated farm subsidies. That would have angered the farmers of Schleswig-Holstein, but they seem to have been angered anyway. It might have attracted other voters.

Sunday's results do not mean that nationally the electorate will turn to the SPD in just over three years time. Before that happens, they, like British voters, will need to trust the Opposition more on defence. Further proof of the West German voters' satisfactory priorities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Behind the scenes in British Telecom's boardroom

From the Deputy Chairman-elect of British Telecom

Sir, As one of the two Government-appointed directors on the board of British Telecom and as non-executive deputy chairman-elect, may I contribute a better informed account of how the decision about the succession to Sir George Jefferson was taken than has appeared in the columns of your newspaper in recent days? I think it might interest your readers.

Firstly as regard timing. Sir George made clear to his colleagues on the board well over a year ago his desire to retire from the chairmanship as soon after his 65th birthday as was convenient to the business. For a variety of reasons, but most especially because of the uncertain shadow cast over BT's future by the prospect of the then impending general election, he was prevailed on to stay in office until the election had taken place and the future status of British Telecom had been clarified.

On June 18, at the board meeting to review the end-year results, he reiterated his desire to retire as soon as possible and said that ideally he would have liked to announce his departure at the same time as the annual results. However, the succession had not been decided by then, although much thought had already been given to the criteria which the next chairman should fulfil.

Indeed, even before the election a concentrated programme of considering and identifying possible candidates for a job which we all recognised to be of the highest national importance was put in hand. As is proper in such cases, a committee of non-executive directors was formed to supervise the process and external consultants were retained to provide assistance and advice.

Clearly it was important, if we were to be in a position to make a carefully balanced choice, that both internal and external candidates should be considered. The internal candidates were well known to us, so a number of senior industrialists were approached to ascertain their interest in the job and conversations were held with some of them to outline the role that we felt needed to be performed and to enable us to judge their suitability for it. At the same time we had to think very carefully about how to achieve the best possible blend of breadth of commercial and industrial experience with knowledge of the business, telecommunications expertise and ability to command the loyalty and respect of the staff.

In the latter respects we judged Iain Vallance to be outstandingly well equipped, with growing support from Graeme Odgers, who joined BT in a top executive capacity a year ago after a distinguished career in British industry, most recently as managing director of Tarmac.

We also had to consider the pressing nature of the problems and challenges facing BT at the moment. An outside chairman drawn from the top ranks of British industry would undoubtedly have much to contribute to BT, but he would also have to surmount an extremely steep learning curve before he could become effective. The time normally required for such a process was in this instance not really available.

In the circumstances, the non-executive directors unanimously concluded, after discussions spread over a number of weeks, that the best solution was to recommend to their colleagues the appointment of Iain Vallance as chairman, Graeme Odgers as group managing director in charge of operations, and myself as part-time deputy chairman to contribute independence of judgment and wider industrial experience.

Individual discussions were then held with each of the executive directors to seek and obtain their support, following which Paul Bosonnet and I, as Government-appointed directors, gave a full briefing to the Department of Trade and Industry about the decision which was being taken and the manner by which it had been arrived at. Finally, the decision was formally ratified at a special board meeting last Monday which was being held to review the previous quarter's accounts.

There was no dissent from the decision by any board member (two who were unavoidably absent having already given their agreement), nor was there any indication of dissatisfaction with it on the part of the Government.

It was felt that the annual general meeting was the most appropriate forum at which to announce it and since all three new appointees were already in place or shortly available there seemed no reason not to accede to Sir George Jefferson's long-known wish to stand down by October 1. There was no relationship whatsoever between this and any reports, however lurid, of overcharging or of service deficiencies by British Telecom.

May I conclude by saying, as I did at the annual general meeting, that Sir George Jefferson made an enormously valuable contribution to BT by leading it so skilfully into the private sector, despite all the problems of an inadequate infrastructure, bureaucratic attitudes, old-fashioned working practices and spiralling demand for new connections and services, especially in the City of London.

My colleagues and I have every confidence that in Iain Vallance we will have a worthy successor and one with the energy and determination to make BT the best provider of telecommunication services in Europe, if not the world, before too much time has passed.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RAISMAN,
Deputy Chairman-elect,
British Telecom,
Netheravon House,
Netheravon Road South, W4.
September 14.

Faulty meters

From the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, Many of your readers and those of other organs will no doubt be concerned to learn of alleged malfunctioning of British Telecom metering equipment, though I suspect too much emphasis has been put upon a relatively small number of horrendously overcharged bills. That such malfunctioning as occurs is more often to a customer's detriment than to the supplier of the service seems likely and the inevitable and unavoidable imbalance between protagonists is in itself cause for concern.

In all that I have read recently I have found no reference to an arbitration scheme run by my institute to provide opportunity for dissatisfied customers of BT, providing first of all some sensible efforts have been made to resolve a problem, for such dispute to be referred to one of the panel members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators for him or her to rule on the legal rights and wrongs of the case.

The procedure which, under BT's licence, it is required to maintain for disputes with consumers, and not being matters involving more than £1,000 or complicated legal issues, was introduced under the aegis of the Office of Fair Trading (now under Oftel). The outcome of an arbitration may be the award of a refund or part cancellation of an erroneous bill.

Reference to arbitration of a dispute between a customer and BT is on a "documents only" basis in order to minimise cost. Cost to an applicant (claimant) is limited to a registration fee of £15, refundable in the event of an arbitrator finding in his or her favour.

I would hope that publication of this letter might help to bring about a greater awareness of the existence of the BT arbitration procedure.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS SMITH, Chairman,
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,
International Arbitration Centre,
75 Cannon Street, EC4.
September 9.

From Mr James Gwynn

Sir, May I comment on the news item and article (September 8) alleging overcharging by British Telecom. I have some experience in the matter as an ex-secretary of the Post Office Users' National Council (Pounc), the official watchdog for British Telecom before the split from the Post Office.

Undoubtedly, things can and do go wrong with the equipment and customers can be over-billed, as BT would readily admit. The situation will be helped but not resolved if and when BT offer all customers an itemised account.

Something may have gone wrong with the equipment, but more often than not, in Pounc's experience, causes of the problem were often multi-occupied residences, unauthorised use, or a husband whose complaint was really about his wife's excessive use of the telephone.

At Pounc we once received bills which were substantially more than the average of previous quarters. We complained to BT, who reduced the charges. It transpired that some people were making unauthorised use of the telephone at peak charging times.

Sincerely,
JAMES GWYNN,
25 Paxton Gardens,
Woking, Surrey.
September 8.

Conflict in Sudan

From the Ambassador of the Sudan

Sir, In his letter (September 3) Mr Neil Winship gave an impression that the Sudanese people were incapable of deciding their future after independence. Recent history indicates that it is the Sudanese people, both from the south and north, who opted to be accommodated in a unified Sudan despite the vast area and the ethnic, cultural and religious diversities.

The Khartoum Government which he was talking about is exerting every effort to reach a peaceful settlement to the southern problem by recognising the problem, living with it as a reality and doing its best to reach a peaceful solution. The Government had offered several initiatives to the rebels and is going ahead with plans to hold a constitutional conference designed to secure a permanent and final settlement through genuine discussions of the problem and exchange of views in an atmosphere of trust and confidence.

The talk about tribal militias fighting unarmed people is groundless. The responsibility of obstructing the flow of aid to the starving areas in the south can hardly fall on the Government, which has done its best to pave the way for the relief agencies despite the threats and destructive activities from the rebel side.

It is true that the situation in the Sudan, especially in the south, needs accurate international reporting: reporters need to develop a neutral balanced attitude to enable them to understand the reality of the problem.

The rebels are fighting against a democratic government which is now unique in the region in securing human rights and the basics of freedom and democracy in Sudan. Mr Winship is welcome to visit Sudan for a close look at these realities.

With thanks.
IBRAHIM MOHAMED ALI,
Sudan Embassy,
Cleveland Row,
St James's, SW1.
September 9.

Reform of ILEA

From the Leader of Westminster City Council

Sir, I am not surprised that Neil Fletcher (September 7) cannot give ILEA higher marks than "average". It must be said that his own maths is distinctly below average.

Department of Education and Science statistics show that 21 per cent of ILEA pupils left school with no O levels or CSE grades, a record of failure surpassed by only two other local education authorities, Newham and Knowsley. Similarly, only 5 per cent of ILEA pupils leave school with five or more O levels. Only six authorities have worse results. ILEA manages to achieve these appalling results despite having pupil-teacher ratios amongst the best in the UK.

The authority's own development plan noted that inner-London residents are taking a diminishing proportion of locally available jobs. In Westminster over 3,700 16-24 year-olds are unemployed, yet there are currently 9,400 vacancies recorded at employment offices in the city. ILEA is plainly not equipping local people to compete in the jobs market and is failing to bridge the "skills gap".

Yours faithfully,
SHIRLEY PORTER, Leader,
Westminster City Council,
Westminster City Hall,
Victoria Street, SW1.
September 7.

Innate ability

From Professor J. D. Lever

Sir, Pertinent to Dr Rae's article on run-of-the-mill geniuses (August 28) is the distinction drawn between genius and talent by Owen Meredith in his work *Last Words of a Sensitive Second-rate Poet*: "Genius does what it must, and Talent does what it can".

Yours faithfully,

J. D. LEVER,
University College, Cardiff,
Department of Anatomy,
University College,
PO Box 78, Cardiff,
South Glamorgan.
August 28.

Nimble namesake

From Mr W. C. Beckett

Sir, It was a delight to see today, on his birthday, as recorded in your Birthdays column, that Sir Henry Johnson at the age of 81 is still running well, pulling the Harwich boat train. As a former general manager of the Eastern Region and chairman of British Railways Board he, too, will be delighted to know that he arrived at Liverpool Street on time.

Yours,
W. C. BECKETT,
Park House, Bradwell, Essex.
September 11.

Double-glazed

From Mrs Joan Salter

Sir, Amongst the events on offer at the Haringey Council Environment Festival are a tour of the refuse incineration/power plant in Edmonton and the launch of Haringey's expanded bottle bank scheme.

As, unfortunately, I shall be unable to attend the latter, could someone kindly inform me of the direction of this expansion? Are we now to have giant-sized bins for the collection of giant-sized bottles? Or perhaps, in addition to our present provision for clear, green and brown ones, we are now to have blue bins solely intended for the collection of blue bottles.

Yours truly,
JOAN SALTER,
64 Church Crescent, N10.
September 5.

Double identity

From Dr T. K. Maurice

Sir, About 10 days ago I applied to register with the BP share information office at Bristol on a form culled from your paper. This morning I have received two identical letters from the office urging me to register and enclosing forms for the purpose. One is addressed to "Dr T. K. Maurice" and starts "Dear Dr Maurice". The other is addressed to "Maurice Timothy Kindersley Dr" and starts 'Dear Mr Kindersley'. How much is the BP share launch costing?

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY KINDERSLEY
MAURICE,
10 Kingsbury Street,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
September 5.

Bangladesh aid may fall short

From the Chairman of Population Concern

Sir, You have rightly given much publicity (reports, September 4, 7, leading article, September 5) to the recent flooding in Bangladesh: and you have suggested that some 24 million people, the equivalent of nearly half the population of the UK, may have been rendered homeless. You also mention that the principal reason for this disaster is the destruction of the Himalayan forests in adjoining countries, which gives rise to much of the flooding.

International assistance to the victims is, of course, the most urgent requirement. But this by itself will do nothing to solve the more fundamental problem which must be faced, namely, that the explosive rate of population growth in the less developed countries is putting an intolerable strain on the world's natural resources.

The present population of Bangladesh (107 million), like that of many other less developed countries, will double in the next 26 years. But the world's natural resources are finite. This situation cannot be allowed to continue.

A much higher priority must be given to reducing population pressures than has been given hitherto. Perhaps as a start the British Government might consider whether their present allocation of 1 per cent of overseas aid towards family planning is in any way realistic or adequate.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON, Chairman,
Population Concern,
231 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
September 7.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 15 1857

Between 1856 and 1857 a royal commission examined the purchase of commissions in the Army. The Times reported its activities at length; it noted that the regulation price for the commission of a lieutenant-colonel in the cavalry was £6,175, but the actual cost was £14,000; the same rank for an infantry officer should have cost £4,500, but the sum paid would be £7,000. The abolition of the system in 1871 was one of the reforms instituted by Lord Cardwell, Secretary of State for War, 1869-74

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THE PURCHASE SYSTEM IN THE ARMY.

. . .It appears, then, that when a young man wishes to join the army he writes to the Commander-in-Chief or to his military secretary. Among the many peculiar privileges enjoyed by the Colonels of the Guards and Household Cavalry is that of granting the first commissions in their respective regiments; but in all other cases application must be made to the Horse Guards. The Commander-in-Chief authorizes such an inquiry as he may think fit to be made into the character and circumstances of the applicant, and if he is satisfied with the result the name is entered in a book for a commission with or without purchase, according to the nature of the application. The candidate is next furnished with a list of the subjects on which he is to prepare for an examination, and as soon as he reports himself ready to undergo that ordeal he is sent to Sandhurst, and is there subjected to an examination established in 1849 . . . If he has applied to purchase he may be appointed to the first vacancy which occurs from a retirement by sale; but if his application has been for a commission without purchase he must wait until a vacancy shall have been created by death. . .

We shall now suppose our young officer to have obtained his commission and to have entered upon that career in which he hopes to rival the deeds and reap the rewards of a Wellington or of a Napier. If he has procured his ensigncy or cornetcy without purchase, and he continues as poor as ever he was, his chances of rising in the regiment are slight indeed, for promotion can only be obtained without purchase when vacancies occur from casualties or when augmentations are made. In a time of peace, therefore, he must wait a long time for "the next step"; but the moment war is declared his prospects improve, and, should the swords and bullets of the enemy prove but moderately fatal among his seniors, he may in a few years hold a very respectable rank in his regiment. Supposing, however, that he is both able and willing to purchase promotion, he has no occasion to feel so horrible an interest in the death of his brother officers. The rule of promotion by purchase, as stated by Sir Charles Yorke, is that when a vacancy occurs in the higher ranks of a regiment, from the retirement of an officer by sale, every officer has a claim – it is not described as a *right* – to purchase the next rank in the regiment, provided that no objection is made by the commanding officer of the regiment or by the Commander-in-Chief . . . Without, therefore, any great tax upon his mental faculties our young ensign or cornet may, with the aid of a heavy purse, gradually purchase his way up to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, beyond which he must trust to ability, fortune, or patronage for further advancement . . .

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 14: The Duke and Duchess of York visited South Yorkshire today.

Their Royal Highnesses travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Royal Air Force Finningley this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Neill).

The Duke and Duchess of York subsequently visited the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and, having been received by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Councillor P. Horton), the Chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority (Sir Michael Carlisle) and the Chairman, Sheffield Health Authority (Mr S. L. Speight), officially opened the Scanner Suite.

Their Royal Highnesses then toured the offices of the *Star* Newspaper (Editor, Mr J.M. Corner).

The Duke and Duchess of York attended a Reception at Sheffield Town Hall and afterwards were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor.

In the afternoon Their Royal Highnesses visited the Northern General Hospital and officially opened the new Outpatient Department and Ward Block.

Mrs John Floyd and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), left Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit the 1st Battalion in Werl, Federal Republic of Germany.

Afterwards, The Princess Royal will travel to Cyprus where, as Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), Her Royal Highness will visit the 1st Battalion, and as Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, will visit members of the Corps.

Mrs Charles Ritchie is in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 14: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this afternoon at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel C. D. Farrar-Hockley upon relinquishing command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. Llewellin upon assuming command.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 14: The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a reception in aid of St Mary's Save the Baby Fund at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 14: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a preview of the exhibition "Venice in Perspective: The First Hundred Years of Venetian View Painting" at the Gallery of Harari & Johns Limited, Duke Street, St James's, London, SW1.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, will attend a service of intercession for the "The Children in Danger" campaign in St Paul's Cathedral on October 27.

Prince Henry of Wales is three today.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R.C. Ames
and Miss G.M. Slater**
The engagement is announced between Robert Charles, son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Ames, of Bexley, Kent, and Gwen Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Slater, of Craigard Hotel, Pitlochry, formerly of York.

**Mr S.C. Cotton
and Miss D. Wrathall**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Cotton, of The Manor House, Thurning, Oundle, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Wrathall, of East Haddon Hall, Northamptonshire.

**Mr R.K. Cross
and Miss K. MacLeod-Johnstone**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Major and Mrs K.E.C. Cross, and Katie, younger daughter of Mr Kenneth MacLeod-Johnstone and Mrs MacLeod-Johnstone (Miss Diane Hart).

**Mr C.St J. Dickson
and Miss D.R. Hill**
The engagement is announced between Charles St John, son of Dr and Mrs R.J. Dickson, of Kensington, London, and Deborah Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Hill, of Rochdale, Lancashire.

**Mr P.R.C. Edwards
and Miss C.E. Ruskin**
The engagement is announced between Peter, second eldest son of Dr H.J. Edwards, of Frimley, Surrey, and Mrs A.E. Edwards, of Camberley, Surrey, and Christine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ruskin, of Ashmore Green, Newbury, Berkshire.

**Mr N.M.C. Fleming
and Miss M.J. Pointon**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.M.R. Fleming, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Pointon, of Paris, France.

**Dr A.J.E. Foss
and Miss F.A. Simpson**
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Foss, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Simpson, of Victoria, British Columbia.

**Captain N.St J. Hopkins, AAC
and Miss C.M. Pater**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas St John, elder son of Squadron Leader B. Hopkins, RAF, retd, and Mrs Hopkins, of Devon, and Doha, Qatar, and Caroline Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Pater, of Winterslow, Wiltshire.

**Captain D.E. Hull, REME
and Miss M.L. Bryant**
The engagement is announced between Derek Ernest, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Hull, Blackburn, Lancashire, and Marguerite Louise, only daughter of Mr W.C. Bryant and the late Mrs M.L. Bryant, Mount Clemens, Mitchigan, United States.

**Mr P. Kelly
and Miss P.M. Bacon**
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs B. Kelly, of Coventry, and Patricia Margaret, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.P.C. Bacon, of Poole, Dorset, formerly of Scarborough.

**Dr J.B. Luntley
and Miss L.A. Morgan**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Luntley, of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Morgan, of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

**Captain L.P. McGregor
and Miss J.A. Gibson**
The engagement is announced between Leslie Patterson, younger son of Major and Mrs John McGregor, of Ottowa, and Julia Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gibson, of Blockley, Gloucestershire.

**Mr M.E. Meopham
and Miss H.M. Hyde**
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.C. Meopham, of Hatfield, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Hyde, of Hayling Island.

**Mr J.H. Perry
and Miss A.C. Allsopp**
The engagement is announced between John Howard, only son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Perry, of Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, and Amanda Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Allsopp, of Mill Lane, Bramley, Surrey.

The marriage between Captain James Stevenson and Miss Elizabeth Ironside will not take place.

Marriages

**Vicomte D.A.G. de Jonghe d'Ardoye
and Miss A.F.P. Staples**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, at St James's Church, Spanish Place, of Vicomte Dominique de Jonghe d'Ardoye, elder son of the late Vicomte Guillaume de Jonghe d'Ardoye and Vicomtesse G. de Jonghe d'Ardoye, of Braine l'Alleud, Belgium, and Miss Antonia Staples, daughter of Mr and Mrs Justin Staples, of the British Embassy, Helsinki. The nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, Archbishop of Birmingham.

A reception was held at the Travellers' Club.

**Signor G.N.M. Rossi Erba
and Miss S.A. Butler**
The marriage took place at Harston Parish Church, on Tuesday, July 28, 1987, between Signor Giuseppe Rossi Erba, son of the late Signor Camillo Rossi Erba and Signora Anna-Maria Rossi Erba, and Miss Sasha Butler, younger daughter of Mr Russell Butler and Mrs Sally Charles. The Rev Michael Allen officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Signor Mario Marcucci was best man.

ANC leader at Lambeth

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, meeting Mr Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress, at Lambeth Palace yesterday. They later had private discussions on South Africa (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

COMMANDERS: R J Albery, for duly with COMMW and as CST, 15.12.87: E H Fealhersone, for duty with DGFMPIN on staff of ADNER Hamburg 16.11.87: G C Hunt, MOD (London), 5.1.88: M G Jones, Staff of FOSM as SORO, 17.11.87: T Jones, Staff of SACLANT as SO Exercises, 22.1.88: A J K Nicoll, Staff of FOSM and SWO(OE), 8.12.87: H L Peers, LVO, NA Stockholm, 25.9.87, K F Read, NP 1600 as OIC, 1.9.87: B V C Reeves, Staff of COMNAVSOUTH, 2.2.88: C W Waite, DANAE in command, 6.1.88.

SURGEON COMMANDERS: J R Haydon, ABDIEL, 11.9.87.

Women's Royal Naval Air Service

SUPERINTENDENT: Miss A Savill, to be promoted Commandant and to be DWRNS in March 88.

Retirements

COMMANDERS: W P J Sidgwick, 6.11.87.

Women's Royal Naval Service
CHIEF OFFICER: Miss E M Sunley, 31.10.87.

The Army

BRIGADIER: R W Acworth, to HQ AFCENT (BAE), 20.9.87.

COLONELS: A F P Petrie, to HQ DA Ed, 14.9.87: J A Wright, to MOD, 14.9.87

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R J Ashwood RRW, to HQ Wales, *14.9.87: R J L Beale RA, to 14 Fd* Regt, 14.9.87: W B Ibbetson GREEN HOWARDS, to be MA Lisbon, 16.9.87: R M A Joy, REME, to be CO 5 Airborne Bde Log Bn, 18.9.87: M J *Nicholson RA, to MOD, 14.9.87:* K J A C Osman REME, to be CO REME Data Centre, 16.9.87: J M Patrick RA, to MOD, 14.9.87: M A Perry AAC, to HQ UKLF, 14.9.87, R Sullivan RTR, to US Army ARMCEN, 14.9.87: A R Wattson RE, to MOD, 14.9.87.

CHAPLAIN: The Rev R F Clayton-Jones AKC has been promoted to the substantive rank of *Chaplain* to the Forces 2nd Class wef 1.9.87

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS, P A Garth, to HQRAFSC, 14.9.87: D A H Edwards, to SHAPE, 14.9.87: B J Wesloby, to SHAPE, 18.9.87.

WING COMMANDERS: P L Graves, to DAD PTC Blandford, 7.9.87: A R Thompson, to Staff College, Bracknell, *14.9.87:* C D Smith, to RAF Henlow, 7.9.87: J W Sutherland, to Saudi Arabia, 7.9.87: A J R Banks, to RAF Brize Norton, 1.9.87: N C L Hudson, to JSDC Greenwich, 14.9.87: D W *Rees, to MOD, 18.9.87, I R Prior,* to MOD, 18.9.87: D F Heathcote, to HQ AAFCE, 18.9.87: K J M Proctor, to MOD, 14.9.87: C R Seymour, to HQRAFSC, 14.9.87.

International Bar Association

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, was the guest speaker at the opening ceremony held last night at the Central Hall, Westminster, of the International Bar Association's Section on Business Law's eighth conference. Mr John Salter, conference chairman, received the guests.

Butchers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Butchers' Company for the ensuing year: *Master, Mr Robin Pooley;* Wardens, Mr Peter Moore, Mr Graham Sharp, Mr Roland Covell, *Mr Ronald* Stedman and Mr John Curran.

Latest wills

Miss Norah Elizabeth **Jervis**, of Ospringe, Faversham, Kent, left estate valued at £1,350,455 net. After various personal bequests, she left the income from the residue of the estate to The King's School, Canterbury, so long as it remains a charity outside government control, otherwise to Canterbury Cathedral.

Mr Michael Jonathan **Salaman**, *of Hammersmith, London, art*ist and teacher, left estate valued at £175,254 net.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Julian Blackwell, Mr Jack Friswell, *Dr* **Richard Squires** and **Lieutenant-Colonel John Walton** to be Deputy Lieutenants for Oxfordshire.

Miss Elizabeth Buchanan to be *special adviser to the Secretary* of State for Transport.

Mr Robert Bunyard, Chief Constable of Essex, to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary. He will serve as Commandant of the Police Staff College, Bramshill.

British Veterinary Association

Mr Michael Wright has been *elected President of the British* Veterinary Association. The Dalrymple-Champneys cup and medal, the association's premier award, has been won by Mr Brian Singleton, Director of the Animal Health Trust.

Reception

HM Government
Mr John Butcher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of *State, Department of Trade* and Industry, was host yesterday at a reception held at the Science *Museum on the occassion of the* 4th European Conference on Non-Destructive Testing.

Birthdays today

The Rev Professor P.R. Ackroyd, theologian, 70; Mr Richard Arnell, composer and conductor, 70; Mr Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 61; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport, former MP, 84; General Eva Burrows, Salvation Army, 58; Dame Sylvia Crowe, landscape architect, 86; Lord Eden of Winton, 62; Professor Brian Fender, vice-chancellor, Keele University, 53; General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour, 74; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 66; Sir Philip Harris, chairman, Harris Queensway, 45; Miss Margaret Lockwood, actress, 71; Miss Jessye Norman, soprano, 42; Viscount Norwich, 58; Sir Clive Rose, diplomat, 66; Lady Soames, 65; Sir Richard Way, former principal, King's College London, 73; Sir John Williams, diplomat, 65.

Lord Trend

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Trend will be held at noon on Monday, October 19, 1987, in Westminster Abbey. Those wishing to attend are invited to notify in writing: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 19, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope; by Monday, October 5, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made. Tickets will be posted on Monday, October 12.

Luncheon

Yorkshire TV
Sir Derek Palmar, Chairman, and Mr Paul Fox, Managing Director, were hosts at the Yorkshire Television luncheon *at Butchers' Hall. Among those* present were:

Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Mr Robert Banks, MP, Baroness Falkender, Viscount Blakenham, Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr Bernard Ingham, Mr Murdo MacLean, Mr Quentin Thomas, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, the Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, the Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council and Mrs Backhouse, Mr Robin Esser, Mr Donald Trelford, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr David Nicholas, Miss Anne Diamond, Mrs Sheila Mercier, Mr Ted Rogers, Mr Frank Windsor, Mr Richard Whiteley, representatives of the Yorkshire area commerce and *industry and members of City institu*tions and the financial press.

Service dinner

North Irish Horse
Colonel Lord O'Neill of the *Maine* presided at a dinner of the North Irish Horse held on Friday at Dunmore Park Camp, *Belfast.* Brigadier M.R.N. Bray and Lieutenant-Colonel D.P. Hughes were among the guests.

School announcements

Benenden School
Autumn Term at Benenden School begins today. The half term exeat is from October 24 to November 1. The first Founders' Memorial Recital will be held on Friday, October 16, 1987, at 7.30 pm at the school. Mrs H.C. Belk will give an appreciation of the founders and Marisa Robles, *harpist*, will perform. Seniors and friends of the school are most welcome. Apply for details to Seniors' Secretary, Benenden School, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4AA.

Bethany School
Autumn Term at Bethany School begins today. Edward Walsh is head of school and *Mark Livingstone captain* of rugby football. The preacher at the remembrance service will be the Right Rev Denis Wakeling. The Old Bethanians Society celebrates its centenary with the centenary dinner on October 10 at Burford Bridge Hotel, Box Hill. Telephone the school on 0580-211273 for tickets. A new administrative centre is being built in order to free more space for boarding in one of the houses. Term ends on December 19 with the two traditional carol services in the chapel.

Cobham Hall
Autumn Term begins today. Cressida Bhavan continues as the guardian. The school is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year and the following special events are planned for the Autumn Term: a junk fashion show on September 23, a silver jubilee ball on September 26, and a carol service in Rochester Cathedral on December 15. If any elders or friends of the school would like further information about the above events they should contact the school office. Term ends on Wednesday, December 16.

Loughborough Grammar School
Autumn Term began on Wednesday, September 9, with Ashish Raivadera as Head of School. Canon A.J.S. Cox takes up his appointment as School Chaplain. Speech day will be on Tuesday, October 20, when the chief guest will be Mr Justice Otton (Presiding Judge of the Midland and Oxford Circuit). The annual London dinner of the Old Loughburians' Association will be held on Friday, October 23 in *Plaisterers' Hall* when the chief speaker will be Lord Elton. Term ends on Thursday, *December 17, 1987.*

St Audries School
Autumn Term began on September 9. Yvonne Ho is head girl. *On* October 29, the St John Military Band will play for the Bishop of Bath and Wells in Wells Cathedral, the senior choir will give a carol concert at Dunster Castle on December 6; and the carol party will be on December 15. Half term is from October 17 to 25 and term ends on December 16.

St Augustine's College and The Abbey School, Westgate
Michaelmas Term begins today. Dom Bernard Waldron, OSB, has retired from the headmastership of the college after 30 years' service, and is succeeded by Mr K.C. Doherty. Dom Benedict Austen rejoins the college staff after 12 years as Head of the Junior School, and is replaced by Dom Augustine Coyle, an old boy of the college. M.Z. Al-Janabi is head boy of the college. *Half term* is from October 23 to November 1, and term ends on December 11.

St Paul's Cathedral Choir School
Autumn Term begins today. Julian Chesterfield is head boy. Voice trials will be held on October 8. Prizegiving is on October 31 when the guest of honour is Viscount Tonypandy. Term ends on December 15.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM DICKSON

Airman with an overall vision of defence

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson, GCB, KBE, DSO, AFC, who died on September 12, at the age of 88, was Britain's first Chief of the Defence Staff, the *post at the summit* of all the armed forces created by the Macmillan reforms.

His exceptionally wide experience contributed strongly to the smooth running of defence at a time of transition and turmoil, *spanning* the Anglo-American strategic agreements, the development of Britain's deterrent, and the post-Suez reforms.

William Forster (Dickie) Dickson was born on September 24, 1898, the son of C. C. Forster Dickson. On his mother's side he was a direct descendant of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton, via their daughter Horatia, adopted by Nelson's sister when Emma died. Dickson's grandfather was her son, and Dickson *himself* seemed to resemble his great ancestor in his slight stature, electric personality, kindness to his subordinates, and total absence of fear.

He was educated at Haileybury, and on leaving he got a temporary job working *on aero-engines. In 1916*, he was commissioned in the Royal Naval Air Service.

He flew North Sea and Channel patrols, and then, in *1917*, he became closely associated with the first landings made by Commander E. H. Dunning in a Sopwith Pup on HMS *Furious*, on which a platform had been built.

On July 19, 1918, flying one of a formation of seven Sopwith Camels from *Furious*, Dickson took part in a bombing raid on the Zeppelin base at Tondern – the only such raid from a carrier *during* the First World War.

Given the primitive nature of bombing at that time, the raid was highly successful, *setting many* of the *Zeppelin* sheds on fire by low level attacks with 50lb bombs. Dickson was one of the few pilots to return safely to *Furious*. Many others had to ditch in the sea or nurse damaged aircraft to Danish airfields. For his contribution he was awarded the DSO.

At the end of the war, he was posted to HMS *Revenge* as squadron aviation officer. He was given a commission in the RAF in 1919, and served in the battleship *Queen Elizabeth* as Fleet Aviation Officer. He went next to Gosport as an experimental pilot and made deck-landing trials on HMS *Eagle* and HMS *Argus*. Later, he was posted to the Royal Aircraft Establishment where he tested a great variety of aircraft. This work earned him an Air Force Cross in 1922.

His career then took an inadvertent but beneficial turn through a *motor-cycle* accident, which had him "flying a desk" for three years in the Air Ministry. He served in the Directorate of Operations and Intelligence, and met many of the future air chiefs of the Second World War.

Over the next few years his experience alternated between fighter squadrons and spells on the staff, giving him wide experience of flying on operations and of conceiving and planning them.

On the day the Second World War began he was posted to the Directorate of Plans in the Department of the Chief of the Air staff at the Air Ministry, becoming director in March, 1941. He successively commanded 9 and 10 Groups, Fighter Command; and, in 1943, with air planning becoming geared to a future campaign in Europe, took over No 83 group, 2nd Tactical Air Force.

But he was disappointed of the chance to lead this in the air operations over the beach-head on *D-Day* when he was sent, in April, 1944, as commander of the Desert Air Force, by then operating in Italy. Here, his responsibility was air support to the British Eighth and US Fifth Armies slogging up through the Italian Peninsula against both the enemy and the weather.

His progress after the war was rapid; he was, successively, an assistant and then vice-chief of the Air Staff, and in 1948 he became Air *Commander-in-Chief*, Mediterranean/Middle East, a post made especially difficult by the political anarchy *surrounding* the birth of Israel.

He served on the Air Council as Air Member for Supply and Organization and *became Chief* of Air Staff in 1953. In 1955, changes in defence policy were announced which *resulted in* Dickson being appointed to the new post of Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee in 1956.

The value of having an RAF officer as spokesman at a time when air power was acknowledged as a dominant factor in war, was apparent.

In 1957, he became Chief of Staff to the Minister of Defence, and in 1958 was appointed the first *Chief* of the Defence Staff. This post he relinquished to Mountbatten in the following year.

Both as Chief of Air Staff and as Chief of Defence Staff Dickson was noted for his incisiveness. For example he did not hesitate to advise his Minister to abandon the *Supermarine* Swift high performance fighter, which, though it was a pet project in many quarters of the *RAF*, he could see was consuming excessive resources.

He was a stalwart advocate of air power in the extensive way it was used during the Suez campaign. Then again, *though* a fighter man himself, he preserved his equanimity at a time when Fighter Command was *itself shrinking*, in the face of a concentration on missile defence and the nuclear deterrent.

He was a man of lightning thought, and he had the capacity to give coherence to *his ideas* in rapid speech. His staffs often found it an exhausting business keeping up with him, but – the odd lapse into asperity aside – he expressed himself to them tactfully and without heat.

In retirement Dickson served as President of the Royal Central Asian Society *(1961)*; *the* Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society (1960); and of the Haileybury Society (1962). Besides his British decorations and honours he held the Russian Order of Suvorov, and the US Legion of Merit.

He married, in 1932, Patricia Marguerite, daughter of Sir *Walter Allen*. When told of the engagement, a gruff Lord Trenchard, founder of the RAF, told the bride: "Good choice. He's brave as a lion and clever as a monkey." They had two daughters, one of whom predeceased him.

MERVYN LeROY

Mervyn LeRoy, who died on September 13, at the age of 86, was, for nearly 40 years, one of Hollywood's leading film directors and producers.

He was the complete studio professional, whose films were notable for their mastery of narrative and unpretentious cinematographic craftsmanship.

He will be best remembered for his work of the 1930s, notably *Little Caesar*, which launched the Warner Brothers gangster cycle; the musical *Gold Diggers of 1933*; and the social dramas *I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang* and *They Won't Forget*.

He was also the producer of the enduring fantasy for all children-at-heart, *The Wizard of Oz*.

For this, he made two decisions crucial to the career of the *16-year-old star of the* film, Judy Garland. The first was to insist, against the wishes of the studio, that she and not Shirley Temple got the part of Dorothy. The second was to insist that the song "Over the Rainbow" be *not taken out*.

The rest of his career was, however, widely regarded as something of an anticlimax. That is partly to misunderstand the nature of LeRoy. A small, effusive man with twinkling blue eyes, he was *less interested* in a film for its content or message, than as a story to be told using the resources of the cinema medium with the minimum of fuss. He was always as good as his subject, and he never turned in a less than polished job.

He was born in San Francisco on October 15, *1900*, and at the age of six saw the great San Francisco earthquake wipe out his father's business. At the age of ten he was selling newspapers, and it was as a newsboy that he made his stage début in *1912*.

His appetite for acting thus *whetted*, he *entered amateur* talent contests, and won a prize for the best Chaplin impersonation. This helped to establish him in vaudeville.

He *arrived in Hollywood in* 1919, where his first job was in the wardrobe department. He was also an assistant cameraman, comedy gag writer and bit part actor.

He turned director in 1927 and soon showed himself a speedy and adaptable film maker, completing as many as five pictures in a year. His first big success was *Little Caesar* (1930), a fast moving and abrasive story of the rise and fall of a hoodlum, played by Edward G. Robinson.

During the casting, he went to a play called *Last Mile* in *Los Angeles, in which* he noticed "a handsome young guy". He gave him a screen test, "but the Warner Studio said his ears were too big, and that was it". The boy with the big ears, Clark Gable, went over to start his movie career with MGM.

I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang, which had a powerful central performance from Paul Muni, and contained a harrowing scene of a man being flogged, highlighted abuses of the penal system and led to a campaign for reform; while *They Won't Forget* (1937) was a courageous indictment of lynch law which introduced to the screen a LeRoy discovery, Lana Turner. "I saw that she had sex, beauty and heart. There wasn't much else to see".

In between, LeRoy showed his versatility by tackling comedy in *Tugboat Annie*; musical in *Gold Diggers of 1933*; and swashbuckling adventure in *Anthony Adverse*.

In 1938, he left Warner Brothers for MGM. With larger budgets at his disposal, he abandoned social realism for the lush melodrama of *Waterloo Bridge* and *Random Harvest*.

He also produced *The Marx Brothers at the Circus*. "I could never find them half the time. They ran around all the stages in the studio".

He won a special Oscar for a *1945* film, a ten-minute short on the theme of tolerance, *The House I Live In*, starring Frank Sinatra.

During the 1940s LeRoy applied his skills to yet more Hollywood genres: the screen biography (*Madame Curie*, with Greer Garson): the war film (*30 Seconds Over Tokyo*); and the literary classic (*Little Women*).

In 1951, he was responsible for *Quo Vadis*, one of the first of the three-hour blockbusters designed to lead cinema's counter attack against television. That year he produced a successful match when he introduced Ronald Reagan to his second wife, Nancy Davis, who was appearing in *East Side, West Side*.

Among his later films, the most distinguished were the naval comedy, *Mister Roberts* (which he took over when John Ford fell ill); the psychological drama, *Home Before Dark*, and *The FBI Story*, starring James Stewart.

LeRoy had a hand in 75 films. His seventy-sixth was to have been his first Western, tentatively entitled *Cowboys and Indians*. His autobiography, *Take One*, was published in 1974.

He was a breeder of thoroughbred racehorses, and was, for many years, president of the Hollywood Park race track, which he helped to found.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Psalm 128 : 1

BIRTHS

FRANCIS - On September 12th to Barbara (née Chalmers) and Russell, a boy, Adam James Kent.

FRY - On September 12th 1987 at The Portland Hospital to Georgie, (née Stevenson), and Anthony, a daughter, (Charlotte Aimee), a sister for Edward.

GREGORY - On September 9th, at Northallerton, to Sally (née Sheard) and Andrew, a son, Rupert James.

HAGUE - On September 13th, 1987, to Julia (née Andrews) and Peter, a daughter, Rebecca Louise.

HARRINGTON - On September 11th, to Sally (née Boyer) and Peter, a daughter, Pandora Jane, a sister for Oliver and Joshua.

HODGSON - On September 13th 1987, to Margaret (née Campbell) and Derek, a daughter, Emily Jane.

LOFFLER - On September 11th, to Alison and Stephen, a son, Roderick James Bernard.

MERRICK - On September 10th, at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Janice (née Pooley) and David, a daughter, Harriet Frances.

OZANNE - On September 14th, at RHCH, Winchester, to Jane and Terry, a son, William Guy, a brother for James.

PARRY - On September 7th 1987, to Emma (née Ponsonby) and Bryn, a daughter, Louisa Mary, a sister for Sophie and Thomas.

STELL - On August 29th at Dulwich Hospital, London, to Pauline, (née Taylor), and Robert, a son, Thomas James.

MARRIAGES

FRANCIS:COOPE - On Saturday September 12th, at Corpus Christi College Chapel, Oxford, Stephen Francis, elder son of Mr Richard Francis and Mrs Beate Francis, to Charlotte Coope, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Coope.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

MARGETSON:GOLDS - On September 15th 1962, at St. Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook, E12. Graham to Carolyn Mary, now living at Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On September 13th, 1987, peacefully at home, Jean Macdonald, aged 92 years, wife of the late David Patrick, beloved mother of Priscilla, Anne and of the late Charles and Joan, loving grandmother and great-grandmother (Janny). Service at Chichester Crematorium, on Thursday 17th September, at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Arundel Castle Fund For Sussex Charities c/o. Arundel Castle, for which she worked untiringly, until the end of her life.

ARNOLD - On September 12th in Orpington Hospital in her sleep Kathleen Mary. Thanksgiving service to be held at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Sevenoaks on September 27th at 3.00pm. No flowers, donations C/o Treasurers of the Church of The Sudan, The London City Mission or The Bible Society. Mother will be greatly missed.

BAYLIS - On September 11th, at home, in Sparsholt, Oxon, Michael, much loved husband of Maureen and father of Lucy and Alex. Funeral service to be held at Sparsholt Parish Church on Thursday September 17th at 12.00 noon, followed by private burial. Family flowers only. Donations to Bristol Cancer Help Centre, c/o H.J. Knapp & Sons, Church Street, Wantage, Oxon.

BREADALBANE - On September 12th 1987, Armorer, Countess of Breadalbane, in her 99th year. Service at Warriston Crematorium Cloister Chapel, on Wednesday September 16th at 3.45pm. Memorial service will be held later.

CLARKE - On September 12th, peacefully at home, aged 85 years, Thomas Alexander M.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed), former consultant E.N.T surgeon at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Bay, and much loved father and grandfather of Nick, Bill, April, John and their children. Funeral will take place at St Andrew's Church, Wickhambreaux on Friday September 18th at 10.30 am. Followed by cremation at Barham Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations in his memory may be sent to the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals or the Pilgrim's Hospice, London Rd, Canterbury. Further details from C W Lyons & Son, Military Rd, Canterbury 0227 463508.

DICKSON - On September 12th, in RAF Wroughton Hospital, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Forster Dickson, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral enquiries to Camp Hopson & Co Ltd. (Newbury) 43590.

DRAPER - On September 13th 1987, peacefully at home, Marie Elizabeth Jane Irving, dearest daughter and stepdaughter of Elizabeth and John Pearce, and daughter of Col. G.I.A.D. Draper. Funeral private.

GOLDINGHAM - On September 9th, in a Nursing Home in Wimborne, Olga May ('Todah') Goldingham, (née Bellhouse), in her 95th year. Very dearly loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt to Harlands, Halls and Helliwells. Funeral at 12.45pm, Monday September 21st, at Salisbury Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in her memory to Charlton Marshall Parish Church.

GREENLAND - On September 12th 1987, Winifred May (Sylvia) Paviour Greenland of Chudleigh, Devon. Service at Chudleigh Parish Church on Thursday September 17th at 2.00pm. No flowers please, memorial trees may be planted in the Royal Bath and West Show Ground, please contact Mr Tony Uloth, 0749-82211. A woman of courage, a wonderful mother and friend.

GREGAR - On September 13th, peacefully, Lilian May, dear sister of Winifred and Granville. Committal Service on Friday September 18th, City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, E12, at 12 noon.

HOLMES SELLORS. - Sir Thomas on September 13th 1987 peacefully in hospital. Father of Patrick and Susan. Funeral private but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation 102 Gloucester Place W1. Details of Memorial Service to be announced later.

HUGHES - On September 12th, suddenly at home, David Williams (Hugh David TV Producer/Director), youngest son of the late Reverend and Mrs Williams Hughes, beloved by Gareth, Siôn and Wendy. Funeral Clewer Parish Church, Friday September 18th at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation please.

JACK - On September 11th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Enid Sara Jack, aged 48, loved wife of Donald and mother of Eric, Vivienne and Renata. Funeral Service at St. Andrews Garrison Church, Aldershot, Thursday September 17th, at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu to Special Trustees of Westminster Hospital c/o. The Regimental Secretary, R.A.D.C.

JACKSON - On September 12th, 3 days before his 90th birthday, Tom Cyril Jackson, M.C., late of Messrs Whittall & Co, Colombo, Ceylon and of Cobb Cottage, Lyme Regis, Dorset, much loved husband of Phyllis, father of Peter, Michael and David, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at Taunton Crematorium on Friday, September 18th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

LEWTAS - On September 12th, at Hayfield House, Curbar, Sheffield, after a short illness, Norman Arthur F.R.C.P., F.R.C.R., aged 69 years, husband of Dorothy, father of Thea and Nicholas and son of May and the late Fred. Service at Eyam Parish Church, near Sheffield, on Thursday September 17th, at 11.45am, followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations for New Radiological Ventures in Sheffield may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

MUIRHEAD - On September 11th 1987 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, Wilbur Montgomerie dearly loved husband of Hope and father of Heather, Primmie, Diana and Lois. Service at St. Machar's, Ranfurly Church, Bridge of Weir on Wednesday 16th September at 2.00pm. Funeral thereafter private at Kilbarchan Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

PHILLIPS - On September 12th, at The Manor House, Ottery St Mary, Dorothy Mary (née De Salis) aged 90, widow of John Savile Phillips, mother of Mary and Tony. Funeral service at The Parish Church, Ottery St Mary, Wednesday September 16th, 3.00pm. Flowers for funeral or donations for St. Mary's Hospice, Taunton to: F J Luxton & Son, Ottery St Mary. Tel 2646.

PHILPOTT - On September 10th, at Wycombe General Hospital, Doris Mary, aged 87 years, of Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks. Tutor for many years at Derby Teacher Training College. Memorial service will take place at Great Missenden Parish Church on Friday 18th September at 3.00pm. Enquiries to H.J. & A. Wright Ltd, Great Missenden. Tel. 02406 3101.

REID - On September 12th at The White House, Newport, Essex, after a short illness, Lady Dorothy Muriel (nee Lecky), widow of the late Brigadier Sir Francis Reid. Much loved by all the family. Funeral 3pm on Friday 18th September at St Nicholas Church, Berden, Near Bishops Stortford, Herts. Flowers to Levy & Son, Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex or Donations to Berden Church Restoration Fund.

RHODES - On September 11th 1987, aged 92, peacefully at his home with his family, Hervey, The Lord Rhodes of Saddleworth K.G., D.F.C., P.C., D.L., Cribbstones Delph. Service and Private interment at Saddleworth Church, Uppermill near Oldham at 2.00pm Monday 21st September 1987. Enquiries to Norman Broadbent Ltd, Tel Saddleworth 2277.

SASA - On September 6th 1987, tragically in a road accident, Abraham, formerly Moshe Matsuba, originally William Weisman. Cremation Thursday September 17th, 2.20pm, at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath. No flowers; donations to Save the Children Fund, sent to W. F. Dolman & Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath, Avon.

SIM - On September 13th, at the London Bridge Hospital after a short illness, John Chatterton Coysgarne Sim. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by his family. Funeral Friday September 18th at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley. Service time 12.30pm. All enquiries and flowers to F.A. Albin & Sons, 52 Culling Road, Rotherhithe, SE16. Telephone 01 237 3637. Flowers by 10.00am.

THOMAS - On September 10th 1987, Christine Diana, aged 29. Greatly loved by Phoebe, Duncan, Mark, Sarah and Andrew. Memorial Service at United Reformed Church, Pond Square, Highgate at 4.30 pm Friday 18th September. Family flowers only.

UNDERHILL Michael Thomas Ben, QC, Judge at the Central Criminal Court. On Septmeber 12th, suddenly at home. Dearly loved Husband of Rosalie and Father of Nicholas, Tom and William. Private funeral on Monday September 21st. Flowers by arrangement with Undertakers (Sanders and Sons, Richmond, 01 948 1551). A Memorial Service will be anounced later.

WALSH - On September 12th 1987, peacefully at Eastfield Nursing Home, Liss, Lily Mountford, aged 86, late of Grayshott and formerly of The Scotsman, London. Funeral service at Midhurst Parish Church on Tuesday 22nd September 1987 at 12 noon.

WHEEN - On September 12th, Jonathan (Jonty), aged 2½, darling third son of Richard and Anne, in a tragic swimming pool accident while on holiday in Cyprus.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DEAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robert W. Dean, C.B.E., will take place on Wednesday September 16th at 11.30 am, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London SW1.

DOLPHIN - A thanksgiving service for the life of Joseph Raymond Dolphin, M.Sc., will be held at All Saints Church, Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield on Wednesday 14th October 1987 at 12 noon.

MUIR Graeme - There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Graeme Muir, today, at midday, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London WC2.

PARDOE - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Philip Pardoe D.L. will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Monday October 12th at 3 pm.

WILSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Peter Wilson, M.B.E., (Founder of the British Migraine Association). Will be held at All Souls Church, Langham Place, W1, on Wednesday 30 Septembr at 2.00 pm.

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Science report

Country blowing away across the Atlantic

By Nick Middleton

The West African state of Mauritania is blowing away. Every year 100 million tonnes of topsoil, much of it from the fragile Sahel zone, is sucked up by the burning desert winds and carried out over the North Atlantic.

The huge quantities of dust have been seen clearly on satellite images, billowing over the sea: a great tongue of soil that stretches as far as the Caribbean and South America.

The latest data shows conditions have worsened in the two years since a report in *Nature* described the growing storms.

The reasons for this ecological disaster are well-known: drought and desertification, twin horsemen of the apocalypse familiar to the inhabitants of the Sahel region of North Africa that extends from Mauritania in the west to Sudan and Ethiopia in the east.

Mauritania, a country roughly the size of France and Spain combined, is largely Sahara Desert, with a more hospitable zone in the south, the Sahel. The desert regions are strewn with moving dunes: sand seas or *ergs* in the Arabic. Vegetation is sparse and wind is the dominant agent that sculptures the landscape. But this wind eroded region has expanded southwards into the desert-marginal Sahel zone since the late 1960s.

Overgrazing, overstocking and cutting woody shrubs for fuel as world oil prices rose, coupled with a population explosion, all spelt disaster when drought came.

The resulting desertification, like an advancing tide of sand, is being monitored by scientists at Nasa headquarters in the United States. They have watched the gradual development of a strip of new desert across the Sahel.

Since the 1960s the dust storms in the Sahel of Mauritania have been increasing. Nouakchott, the capital, usually had five severe storms a year. Since 1983 dust storms have blown on more than 80 days each year.

The storms often advance as a wall of dust, hundreds of metres high, engulfing all in their path, reducing visibility to near zero. The dust gets in your eyes, up your nose, through doors and windows, coating everything in a thick layer of red dust.

Cars and airports are brought to a standstill, radio communications are affected. But worst of all, the soil is lost, piling up on the bed of the Atlantic Ocean.

With the Sahel's vegetation destroyed and soils disappearing the pastoralists have flocked to the cities. In 1960 Nouakchott had a population of less than 20,000, today it has 350,000.

Malnutrition affects one child in three. The average life expectancy is 46.

But the possible consequences of Mauritania's ecological disaster do not stop there. Dust remaining in the atmosphere over the country could be helping to prolong the drought.

There is discussion among climatologists as to whether the current Sahel drought reflects a change in climate, or is a temporary fluctuation. Certainly the Sahel has experienced changes in its climate.

It was much drier than it is today. During this dry period the present Sahelian area of Mauritania was a mass of moving dunes. Since then the climate has become milder and these dunes have become stabilized as grasses and scrub grew on their slopes.

With dust storms blowing away the thin soil, the dunes are beginning to move once more.

Once mobile, it is possible to stop sand dunes, but it is not easy. Even in oil-rich Saudi Arabia the techniques used are not always successful.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will open the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International Centre at Wallingford, Oxfordshire, at 10.50; he will visit the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce to meet local businessmen at 1.15; and, as Patron of Task Undertakings, will visit Task Undertakings' Training and Central Workshop Units and open the premises of 164 Hurst Street, at 2.10. Later he will visit Lozells Music Workshop Project, Lozells Street, Lozells, Birmingham, at 3.45.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), will visit the 1st Battalion of the Regiment in Cyprus until Thursday.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the launch of Save Britain's Heritage's new book *Churches: A Question of Conservation* at Christchurch, Cosway Street, W1, at 12.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Hammersmith United Charities' new Frail Care Unit (Residential Home), Sycamore Gardens, W6, at 3.00; and will attend the Candlelight Ball, in aid of Childline, at Grosvenor House at 7.40.

Princess Alexandra will attend a dinner given by the Liver Section of the British Society of Gastroenterology, for the delegates attending the jubilee anniversary meeting, at Gray's Inn, WC1, at 7.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Fenimore Cooper, novelist, Burlington, New Jersey, 1789; Henry Sweet, philologist, London, 1845; Jean Renoir, film director, Paris, 1894.

DEATHS: Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, colonizer of Munster, Youghal, Co Cork, 1643; Sidney Godolphin, Earl of Godolphin, statesman, St Albans, 1712; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, civil and mechanical engineer, London, 1859; William Seward Burroughs, pioneer of adding machines, Citronelle, Alabama, 1898; Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Baltimore, North Carolina, 1938; Anton von Webern, composer, Mittersill, Austria, 1945.

The first fatal railway accident occurred when William Huskisson, MP, was killed at the opening of the Liverpool-Manchester line, 1830.

Dinner

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R.N. Arber
Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS pursuant to section 98 Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number : 1260644
Name of Company : HENDMANDRA Limited

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at PEAT MARWICK McLINTOCK, LINCENTRE, LORDS WALK, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE on Thursday, the 17th day of September 1987, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.

ROGER SMITH of PEAT MARWICK McLINTOCK, 1 PUDDLE DOCK, BLACKFRIARS, EC4V 3PD is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR RAYMOND HOCKING, Certified Accountant of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 26th August 1987.

Dated this 7 day of September 1987

RAYMOND HOCKING
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF SKI CATALAN LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I MICHAEL HERBERT HINTON, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs GRIFFIN AND PARTNERS, 38 GROSVENOR GARDENS, LONDON SW1W 0EB, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Members and Creditors on the 26th August 1987

DATED this 26th day of August 1987

M.H. HINTON
LIQUIDATOR
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In the matter of GROVEBELL GROUP PLC
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BY ORDER of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

dated the second day of March 1987 Mr MALCOLM JOHN LONDON AND Mr MICHAEL ANTHONY JORDAN, BOTH of SHELLEY HOUSE, 3 NOBLE STREET, LONDON EC2V 7DQ have been appointed Joint Liquidators of the above-named company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this FOURTH day of SEPTEMBER 1987

M J London, FCA
Joint Liquidator

In the matter of EAST INDIAN SPICE COMPANY LIMITED
and
In the matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
BY ORDER of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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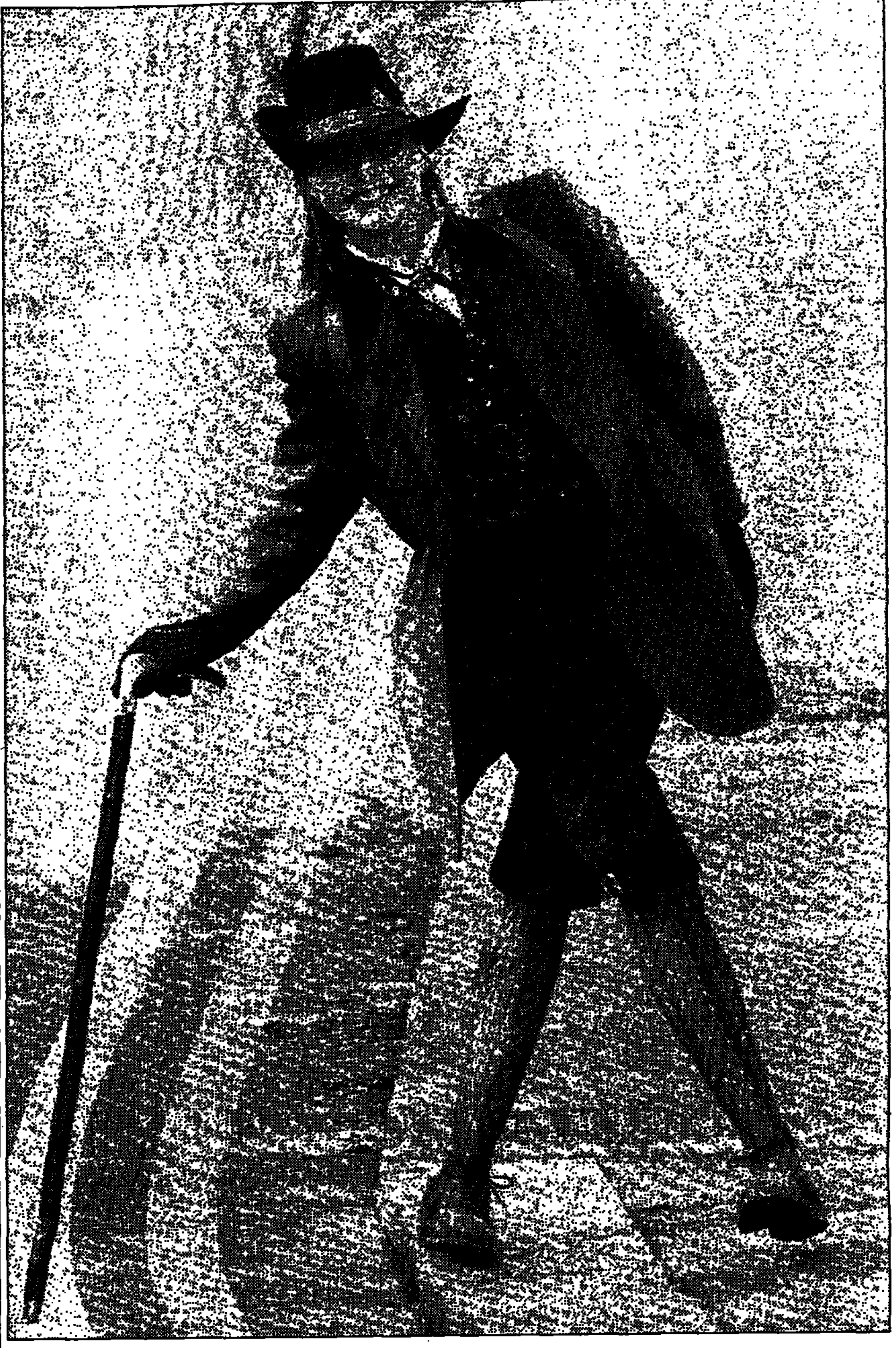

Above: Khaki green wool frock coat with velvet collar, £325, Kenzo, 27-29 Brook Street, W1; 17 Sloane Street, SW1. Loden breeches, £35, Hackett, 65b New Kings Road, SW6. Embroidered silk velvet waistcoat, dated 1842, £400, Gallery of Antique Costume & Textiles, 2 Church Street, NW8. Austrian shirt, £97.50, Geiger from Aspens, 5 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham. Tyrolean-style hat, £90.50, Jane Smith, 131 St Philip Street, SW8. Laced-up shoes, £45.99, *Russell & Bromley*, 24 New Bond Street, W1, and branches. Horn-handled cane, £26.95, Liberty, Regent Street, W1. Suede and wool gloves, £15.95, Dents from Selfridges, W1; Owen Owen branches

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Amies's newest happening is the £150 suit. From his Savile Row headquarters, this handsome two-piece with a well-considered cut has been designed as part of a menswear line which will sell in 19 Associated Independent Stores men's shops such as Camp Hopson in Newbury, Wilkie of Edinburgh and Jarrolds of Norwich.

The Amies wardrobe for men, which is launched today, is based on the relaxed, youthful cut of a blazer. Refinements have been made. It has a new generous breadth to it, with a lowered waistline and no back vents. Double-breasted, the wrap-over has been narrowed *to make it hang flatteringly on* less than slender figures. "A suit should be cut to show off an athletic body, and where there isn't one, to suggest it," is *another Amies line.*

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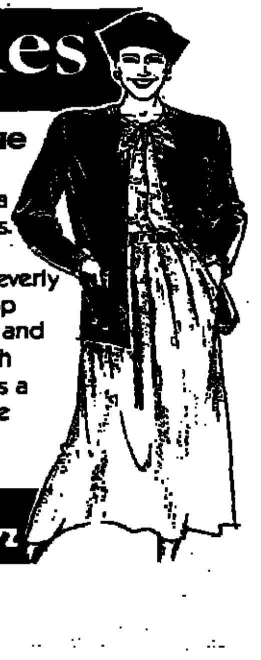

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FASHION by Liz Smith

the summit of winter style

Nothing beats the cold better than loden, the brushed wool fabric that was first made more than a century ago and is still a couturier's favourite

Above: Traditional Austrian jacket in green/red *double face*, £151.85, Schneider of Salzburg from Loden & Gretel, 65 Margaret Street, W1; Saxton, Purley; Tapestry, Lamham, Suffolk; Anna Davies, Betweys-y-Coed. Lederhosen, £49, Hackett, 65b New Kings Road, SW6. Cotton shirt, £65, Helen Storey from Boyd & Storey, 12 Newburgh Street, W1. Felt hat, feathers added, £19.99, Warehouse branches

Make-up and hair: Chase Ashton for Level, Bournemouth
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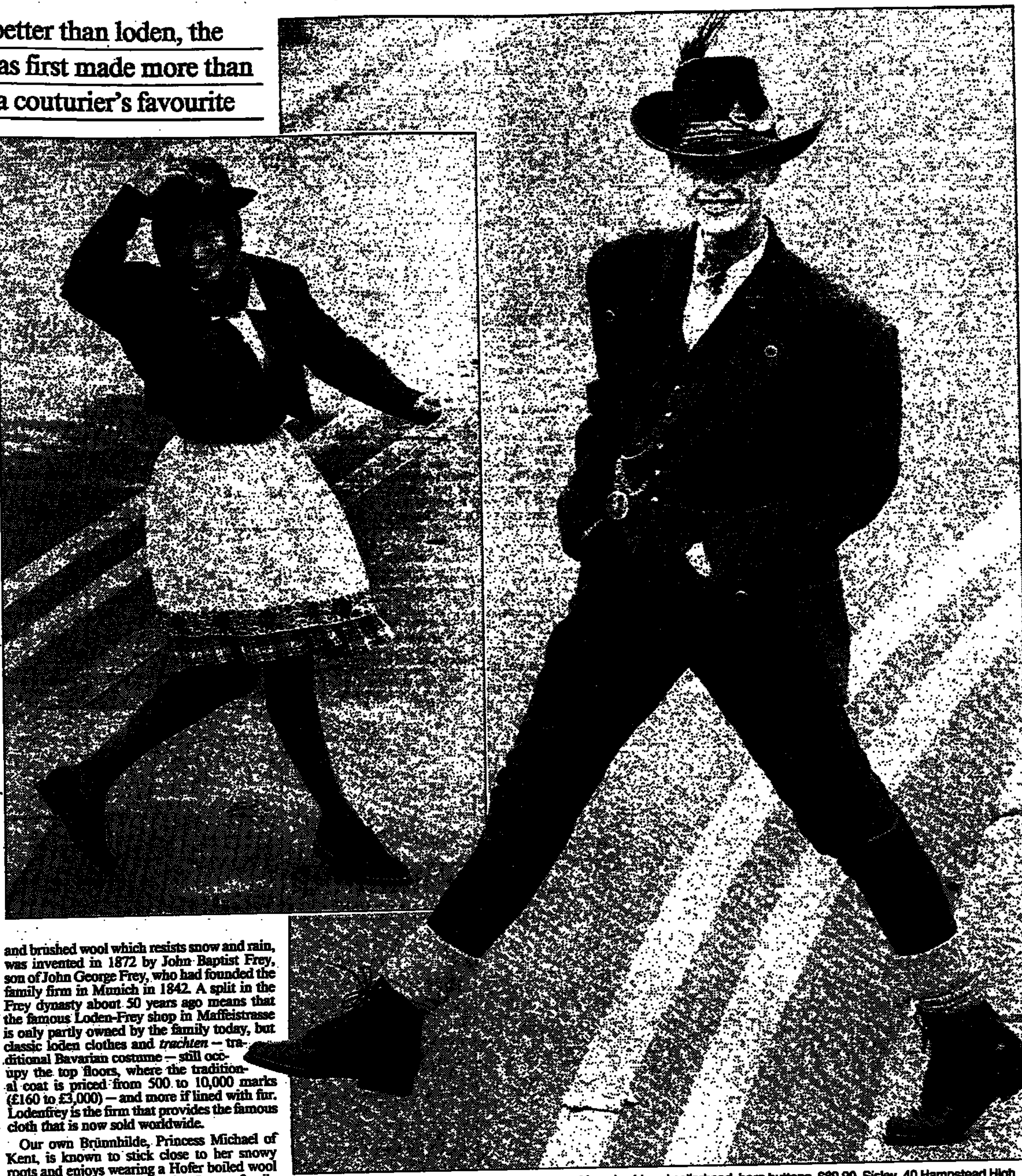

Above: Loden green thick wool man's jacket, with embroidered collarband, horn buttons, £89.90, Sisley, 40 Hampstead High Street, NW3; 206 Chiswick High Road, W4; Drummond Centre, Croydon, Surrey, and branches. Rust corduroy jodhpurs, £36.95, C17 from Red Herring, 6 Old Brompton Road, SW7; Midnight Blue, 186 Fulham Road, SW10; John Mills, 20 West Gate, Grantham; Street Clothes, 38 The Cove, Leeds; Hoi Polloi, 55 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh. Man's waistcoat, £35, Hackett. Tyrolean-style hat, £90.50, Jane Smith, 131 St Philip Street, SW8. Suede and leather ankle boots, £69.99, Russell & Bromley, 24 New Bond Street, W1, and branches

Inset: Frog-fastened scarlet jacket, £39.95, Warehouse, 76 Brompton Road, SW1, and branches. Needlecord skirt with ribbon hem and tartan-edged underskirt, £95, Helen Storey from Boyd & Storey, 12 Newburgh Street, W1; Harrods; Zone at Harvey Nichols; Phase 8, 345 Fulham Road, SW10, and branches. Embroidered waistcoat, £175 Gallery of Antique Costume & Textiles, 2 Church Street, NW8. Red and black felt hat, £29.99, Bernstock & Speirs from Miss Selfridge, 40 Duke Street, W1, and branches. Suede shoes, Yodel, £42, Pied à Terre, 19 South Molton Street, W1, and branches

At the first sign of winter, you can see them in pairs, walking arm-in-arm along the Faubourg to Hermès, pacing the antique shops in Florence, or strolling down Bond Street; wrapped inside the generous folds of caped and swing-backed coats in loden will be the wearers of a uniform that is the caste mark of those who appreciate high quality.

Loden, the most traditional of weather-beating materials, alpine knickerbockers and braces, horn-buttoned boiled wool jackets — Austria's other major contribution to 20th century fashion — and *lederhosen* have always fascinated the fashionable elite. This winter, however, loden, with brightly-embroidered alpine knitwear, ornamental steel or silver alloy buttons, peasant cross-stitch embroidery, boots, braces and feathered hats, is making a fashion statement as clear and crisp as the Bavarian air.

In a season when style's code words are "sharp", "sophisticated", "chic", it may seem ironic that the folksy details of Tyrolean costume are all the rage, but designers' interpretations of the look, however broadly defined, provide the clues: Ralph Lauren and Kenzo stick most closely to the neat-collared horn-buttoned classics, using loden mixed with cavalry twill or tweed; Saint Laurent uses loden for swingy cloaks and greatcoats; while at Chanel, Tyrolean-patterned sweaters are worn with bright red, black and white dogtooth tweeds. And in among Chanel's famous two-tone shoes you will find a pair of sturdy hiking boots.

Even the Tyrolean *dirndl*, one of the few skirt styles that may be worn long this winter, is having a twirl. But it, too, looks newest short, of course, with borders that might almost pass for ethnic. Puffed up with further layers of banded petticoats, the *dirndl* is practically a *pouffe*, what else?

Gaultier, an unlikely yokel, uses loden-like *double face* in among his Nasa insulating metallics, in jackets for sophisticated peasants to wear. And somehow, when you start looking at all this winter's flat scarlet facecloth tailored into greatcoats and high-collared tunic jackets by such a disparate gang as Blass or Betty Jackson, Warehouse or Karl Lagerfeld, it is easy to see it as the perfect Tyrolean foil for the much-loved loden.

There is more than a touch of sartorial snobbery in the idea of wearing in the city what is virtually a hunting coat. Although the generously deep vent at the back of a traditional loden may facilitate strap-hanging on the Metro or the underground, the coat is engineered to make it easier to raise one's arms to take aim at a charging boar; and the fly front fastening ensures that buttons are not caught on branches. Although one might look much more at home tramping through a forest, a glowing pride can be taken in feeling proofed against city winds by a cloth designed for the Alps.

The classic loden coat in a tightly-woven and brushed wool which resists snow and rain, was invented in 1872 by John Baptist Frey, son of John George Frey, who had founded the family firm in Munich in 1842. A split in the Frey dynasty about 50 years ago means that the famous Loden-Frey shop in Maffeistrasse is only partly owned by the family today, but classic loden clothes and *trachten* — traditional Bavarian costume — still occupy the top floors, where the traditional coat is priced from 500 to 10,000 marks (£160 to £3,000) — and more if lined with fur. Lodenfrey is the firm that provides the famous cloth that is now sold worldwide.

Our own Brünnhilde, Princess Michael of Kent, is known to stick close to her snowy roots and enjoys wearing a Hofer boiled wool jacket when at Nether Lyppiat. In one family photograph, taken in 1984, Princess Michael chose to pose in her national dress of shrunken wool jacket, with her blonde hair rippling free, and her two children similarly dressed in matching Bavarian braid-bound jackets, white ruffled shirts and black bows. The technique of boiling and shrinking tightly woven wool results in a dense cloth that is snug and provides insulation against snow and wind.

Geiger's speciality is the boxy little jacket in bright wool, smothered in the correct Alpine detailing, with wool *passementerie* braiding whipped around shoulders and edges, and decorative silver alloy buttons. Geiger is stocked, too, at Simpson, Piccadilly, where the colourful jackets complement the store's own Daks collection. Prices for Geiger jackets run from £105 to £199 for a three-quarter length coat. Selfridge's loden coats cost £155 for the basic style and £235 for one with a wool lining. Hofer jackets, from £140 for adults and £90 for children, can be bought from Liberty, Regent Street, and Gordon Lowe, Cambridge.

The Gloucestershire county elite are particularly well provided for with boiled wool and loden. Aspens, at Rotunda Terrace, in Cheltenham, specializes in classics by two popular Austrian firms, Geiger and the Salzburg-based Salko, whose stylish catalogue features an impressive vintage loden jacket worn by Emperor Franz Joseph I.

To complete the Austrian look, the thing to flourish is a hat. In dark green or brown, heavily trimmed with a band of braid or a tassled rope, the necessary finishing touch is always a clutch of colourful feathers. Jane Smith turns up one side of the pleated brim on a silky felt Alpine hat; Bernstock and Speirs have reshaped and squashed a small Homburg into a Tyrolean hat. Try wearing them on top of a flowered scarf knotted peasant-style under the chin.

PEOPLE

Body talk

When shopping for clothes the sculptress Elisabeth Frink gravitates towards the strong monumental lines created by the Japanese designer Issey Miyake. Now the designer has repaid the compliment, by commissioning three body sculptures from the artist. In painted wood, eight feet high, they dominate the new Miyake Man Shop at 311 Brompton Road, SW3. Meanwhile, she is part of the growing portfolio of portraits of Miyake customers photographed by Lord Snowdon, which includes Maggie Smith, costume designer Jocelyn Herbert, Joan Armatrading, Antoinette Sibley and Jeremy Fry. Each wears a classic design from the Permanente Collection, Miyake favourites from the past 15 years.

Any gladdies?

Lorna McLelland, wife of the Australian High Commissioner, has ordered a mass of spring flowers to be flown up from Down Under for a fashion show being held in Australia House on October 6 in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. Clothes from Lucienne Phillips's Knightsbridge boutique and Dunhill Menswear will be paraded. Closing date for tickets (£15 each), is September 23. Applications to: Carole Wanless, Australia House, The Strand, WC2B 4LA (01-438 8210).

James jeans

James Dean and jeans: the connection is obvious. But it has taken three decades for a manufacturer to come up with a Dean denim collection, licensed and approved by the James Dean Foundation. Lance Yates of Mobile has stamped Dean's silhouette on the studs.

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VALENTINO'S PET PROJECT

Pedigree chums

The glossy Roman couturier Valentino launches a menswear collection with a distinctly Tyrolean cut in London today. The star of this pedigree line, with his name on every shirt label and jacket, his muzzle stamped on buttons, belts and linings, is Oliver, the designer's favourite pug. Oliver has been immortalized in the trademark of a new fashion breed that is tough, sporty and young.

The relaxed feel of the elegant tweed jackets, sheepskins and chunky corduroy trousers, worn with soft-collared shirts and textured sweaters, is winning a young clientele, keen to cut a *bella figura*. With jeans at £42, a raincoat for £150, and a two-piece suit at about £250, it is sure to go down well in the new Oliver boutique. Valentino himself is in town, trailing his usual elegant entourage, for today's opening celebrations. He is passionate for all things English. "Big chic," he enthuses. "I adore all that traditional look in houses, and the elegance of dress."

Man's best friend: the new collection from Valentino

He sees the woman he dresses as constantly on the move. Clothes are created for their comfort. "I observe them very, very carefully, wherever I happen to be," he says. "When I work on a toile I get the model to sit, to walk around. I want to see my clothes *live*."

The Valentino silhouette is shapely and glamorous. His signature V has inspired him to make one-shouldered, asymmetric and sexily wrapped dresses his trademark. That breed of spare, sleek American women especially adore his neat style. Jacqueline Kennedy wore a Valentino for her wedding to Onassis. Nancy Reagan shares his passion for red.

At the headquarters of Valentino's $370 million empire, steered with Giancarlo Giametti (his business partner since 1960), his assistants follow him around with tape recorders to pick up the rapid-fire instructions for the running of his 30 lucrative licences in furnishings as well as fashions, and the Miss V and other ready-to-wear labels that stock Valentino boutiques.

Each season the showing of his *alta moda* (prices start at £6,000) is a fashion spectacular staged in a cobblestone piazza. It is the highspot of Roman couture.

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **THE ART OF SUCCESS:** Michael Kitchen as Hogarth in Nick Dear's excellent play about art, ambition and conscience. A transfer from Stratford.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. 7.30-10pm, £7.50.

☆ ***THE BIG KNIFE:*** *Clifford Odets* operates on the Hollywood system. With Martin Shaw, Gayle Hunnicut.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Previews from Sept 15, 8-10.30pm. Press night Sept 21 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.50-£11.50.

☆ ***BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:*** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Julie Covington joins the cast in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £3.50-£13.50.

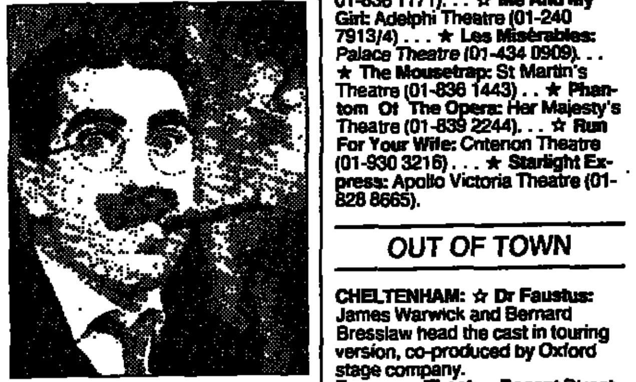
☆ **CORPSE:** Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twisty thriller of murder, money and identical twins.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent *Garden/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-*10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7 10pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **CURTAINS:** Bridget Turner and Alfred Lynch lead strong cast of provincial hypocrites comically failing to cope with the facts of euthanasia.
Hampstead Theatre Club, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: *Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-*10.15pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7

★ **FOLLIES:** Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julia McKenzie leading a starry cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. *Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed* and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ **GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE:** See caption.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Preview tonight 8-10.10pm, press night Sept 16, 7-9.10pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7 10pm, *£4-£12.50.*

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Donald Sinden's starry production re-opens a theatre long lost to television. Dame Wendy Hiller is appalled by the handbag.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £6.50-£12.50.



Frank Ferrante (above) first played Groucho Marx as a drama student at the University of Southern California, winning praise from one of the original Marx Brothers scriptwriters. He has been playing Groucho ever since, first as the young man in the Broadway show, *Minnie's Boys*, and now as Groucho from youth to age in a musical entertainment called *Groucho: A Life in Revue*, which is co-authored by Robert Fisher and Groucho's son Arthur Marx (see listing).

☆ **THE LIGHT OF DAY:** Nicola Pagett, Nigel Terry, Claire Hackett at the points of the eternal triangle: *set in Montmartre.*
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £5.

☆ ***MELON:*** *New Simon Gray play* stars Alan Bates as a glittering publisher imploding with sexual jealousy.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-14.50.

☆ **NUNSENSE:** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent; jokes about dead nuns.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-*5pm, £6-£13.50.*

☆ **PORK PIES:** Honest coppers, bent coppers and lies: play about alleged corruption.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles *Square, Stratford East E15 (01-534* 0310). Tube: Stratford East. Mon-Sat 8pm, £2.50-£6.50.

☆ **PORTRAITS:** New William Douglas-Home play with Keith *Michell as Augustus John and* Simon Ward playing three of his sitters (Monty, Matthew Smith and Cecil Beaton).
Savoy Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.

☆ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** *Marvellously funny and friendly* betting comedy: Geoffrey Hutchings and company joined by Toyah Wilcox for this National Theatre transfer.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ ***THURSDAY'S LADIES:*** Dorothy Tutin, Eileen Atkins, Sian Phillips meeting, remembering and re-enacting times past. From the French.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews, Mon-Sat 8-9.50pm, £3-£10.

☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Joanna Monro and Sharon Duce as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8pm, £8.50-£13.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0)... ★ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** *Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)...* ★ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHELTENHAM: ☆ **Dr Faustus:** James Warwick and Bernard Bresslaw head the cast in touring version, co-produced by Oxford stage company.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street (0242 572573). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £4.50-£6.50.

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Miranda:** Clever woman outwits greedy councillors; Penelope Keith in feeble comedy.
Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). 7.30pm, £5.75-£11.50.

DERBY: ☆ **The Innocent Mistress:** Revival of long-forgotten comedy by 18th century dramatist, Mary Pix. Lovely to look at.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre, Derby (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50.

EDINBURGH: ☆ ***Can't Pay, Won't Pay!:*** *Revolt in the supermarket:* Dario Fo's political farce.
Royal Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay Street (031 229 9697). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3-£6.

LEICESTER: ☆ **You Strike the Woman, You Strike the Rock:** Market Theatre of Johannesburg touring with play about scraping a living in South Africa.
Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £3.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⛫ **Advance booking possible**

THE BIG EASY (18): Uncertain *mixture of sex comedy and police* thriller, with Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin. Directed by Jim McBride (95 min).
⛫ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.00, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
⛫ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

THE BIG TOWN (15): Matt Dillon comes to Chicago in the 1950s to make his fortune rolling dice. Light-hearted period romp with Diane Lane and Tommy Lee Jones (109 min).
⛫ ***Leicester Square Theatre*** (01-930 5252). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45.

■ **BLACK WIDOW (15):** A homicidal psychopath kills several wealthy husbands and is investigated by the Justice Department, notably Alex (played by Debra Winger) (114 min).
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs *1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.*

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents *emotionally involved with a former* pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
⛫ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

COMRADES (PG): Bill Douglas's epic account of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, brimming with imaginative touches but in serious need of pruning. With Robin Soans, Michael *Hordern and Robert Stephens* (180 min).
⛫ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 2.30, 7.30.

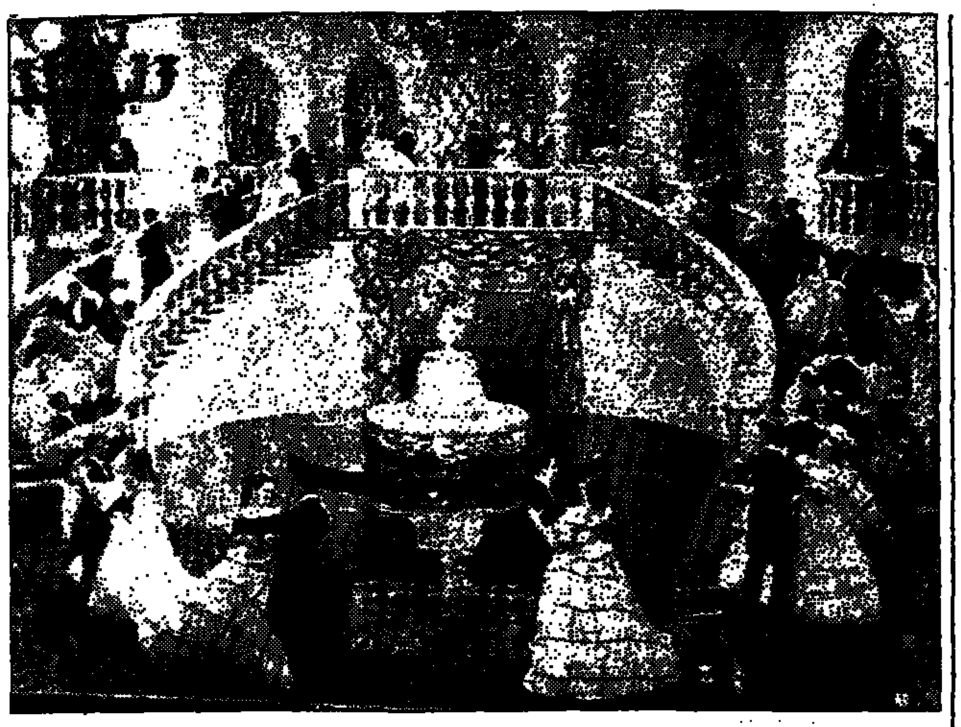
FULL METAL JACKET (18): Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. *Platoon* may have taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
⛫ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.
⛫ ***Cannon Fulham Road*** *(01-370* 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-1.10, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.50, 5.30, 8.15.
⛫ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.35, 8.45.
⛫ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

GOOD MORNING BABYLON (15): Two stonemasons from Tuscany come to America, the land of promise, and find work in Hollywood building the Babylon *sets for D W Griffith's Intolerance.* The Taviani brothers' film springs from a marvellous idea; a pity it dwindles into trivial episodes and fuzzy period re-creations. With Joaquim De Almeida, Vincent Spano and Charles Dance as D W Griffith (117 min).
⛫ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.

HOPE AND GLORY (15): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
⛫ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

■ **JAWS IV — THE REVENGE (PG):** *Latest shark horror with Michael* Caine and Karen Young. Joseph Sergent directs (100 min).
⛫ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG): Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s: *with Yves Montand and Daniel* Auteuil as villagers at loggerheads with Gerard Depardieu over a plot of land. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.



Alfred Hitchcock must be the least likely director for a film version of a stage extravaganza about Vienna's waltz kings. Yet he ploughed through the chore in 1933, at a loose end after a run of flops. The result, *Waltzes from Vienna* (above), opens the latest "Made in London" film season at the Museum of London tonight. Esmond Knight repeats his stage role as Strauss Jr; Jessie Matthews is his sweetheart and Edmund Gwenn is the father jealously guarding his own reputation. None retained rosy memories of the production. Knight recalled Hitchcock taunting them with insults (his own was "Quota Queen"), while Matthews was set on edge by constant interruptions. Hitchcock declared the film an impersonal bore, but only a wicked cynic fond of his food would imagine that Strauss composed "The Blue Danube" to the rhythms of a bakery. Future delights for connoisseurs include Bernard Vorhaus's rousing thriller *The Last Journey*; Asquith's lively silent about film-making, *Shooting Stars*; and Charles Frank's version of *Uncle Silas*, piled high with extraordinary Gothic clatter. Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (01-600 3699). Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6.10pm, until December 10. ***Geoff Brown***

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** Timothy Dalton follows in distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, Vienna, Tangier and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 2.00, 5.10, 8.05.*
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 4.20, 8.00.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 4.45, 7.45.

PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE (U): Pee-Wee is a child in an adult's body, in pursuit of his bicycle. With comic Paul Reubens as the *questing hero (92 min).*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.30.

■ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody *Allen's sweet, delicate tapestry of* Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes and dreams at the end of the 1930s. With Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Seth Green (89 min).
⛫ **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.
⛫ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.50, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.45.

OPERA

☆ **AIDA:** Opening night of exciting new production by Gilbert Deflo set in Verdi's age of imperial Egyptomania. John Mauceri conducts a cast led by Janice Cairns.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £4.80-£24.

☆ **PACIFIC OVERTURES:** British première of Stephen Sondheim's opera, based on the American warships' "overtures" to Japan in the 1850s. James Holmes conducts an all-male cast in this Kabuki-style satire from Broadway.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£21.50.

ROCK

☆ **DAVID ESSEX:** First night of a 50-date UK tour for the one-time teen idol and matinée star who now has over a decade's worth of hits — from "Rock On" to "Tahiti" — with which to furnish his show.
Pavilion, 121 Renfield Street, Glasgow (041 332 1846), 7.15pm, £6.50-£8.50.

★ **STEVIE WONDER:** Motown's longest-running superstar makes reparations for last summer's postponed dates with a relaxed show incorporating a random selection of greatest hits and some unreleased material.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133). 8pm, £10-£15, for three nights. Tickets from May 19 valid tonight.

☆ **THE JESUS AND MARY CHAIN:** *Darklands* suggests a more tuneful approach than that of the *Psychocandy* doodlings, but like their idols, the Velvet Underground, their live shows have suffered in the past from a rather uneven quality.
Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276193), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **SQUEEZE:** With "Hourglass" providing their first Top 20 hit since "Labelled With Love" in 1981, the Deptford dodgers have recovered from an extended period of adversity.
Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, *Southend-on-Sea (0702 351135)* 7pm, £6.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **EMPEROR LUNCH:** Haydn's Quartets Op 20 No 2 and 76 No 3 "The Emperor" are the Lindsay Quartet's lunchtime offering in the Wigmore Hall's "Genius of Haydn" series.
Wigmore Hall, *36 Wigmore Street.* London W1 (01-935 2141), 1-2pm, £2.

☆ **ALL STRINGS:** The Park Lane Sextet plays Dvořák's String Sextet Op 48 and the Prelude to Richard Strauss's opera *Capriccio.*
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.50pm, £1.50.

☆ **ALL TROMBONES:** The London Trombone Chorale performs Gow's Suite for Four Trombones, Praetorius's Renaissance Dances, Wood's Suite for Four Trombones, Corrette's *Le Thenix*, Dondeyne's Suite for Four Trombones and Debussy's *Trois Chansons.*
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **SYRINX AND AFTER:** Jane Atkins (viola), Jennifer Stinton (flute) and others combine for Debussy's *Syrinx*, Richard Rodney Bennett's *Sonata after Syrinx*, Toovey's *Cantric*, Anderson's *Crossing* and Debussy's Sonata for flute, viola and harp.
Royal Overseas League, Art Gallery, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1 (01-408 0214 ext 219), 7.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **IT BITES!:** The New Chamber Players present Cashian's *It Bites!*, Kefala-Kerr's *Teras*, Birtwistle's *Pulse Sampler*, Knussen's *Autumnal* and Casken's *Music for a Tawny-Gold Day.*
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **UNFINISHED HAYDN:** It's the turn of Haydn's unfinished Quartet Op 103 in the Haydn Festival, but first the Salomon Quartet offer his Quartets Op 20 No 3, 64 No 3 and 74 No 2.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **BERG'S BEETHOVEN:** *The* Alban Berg Quartet place Beethoven's Quartets Op 18 No 4 and 127 on either side of Berg's Quartet Op 3.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£7.50.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(2)	**Dennis O'Neill Sings,** O'Neill/BBC WSO	BBC
2	(1)	**The Maria Callas Collection**	Stylus
3	(3)	**A Portrait of Andres Segovia**	Stylus
4	(4)	**The Pavarotti Collection**	Stylus
5	(6)	**Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody,** VPO/Karajan	DG
6	(5)	**The Collection,** Placido Domingo	Stylus
7	(-)	**Verdi & Puccini: Arias,** Kiri Te Kanawa	CBS
8	(-)	**Classical Sampler,** Various	IMP
9	(17)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** Hogwood/AAM	L'Oiseau Lyre
10	(-)	**Byrd: Mass for Four Voices,** Choir of St John's College	MFP
11	(7)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** Virtuosi of England	CFP
12	(-)	**An Evening of Strauss,** Virtuosi of England	IMP
13	(23)	**The Magic of Placido Domingo**	Camden
14	(-)	**Albinoni/Corelli/Vivaldi/Pachabel,** Various	Polygram
15	(-)	**100 Greatest Classics IV,** Various	Trax Classique
16	(18)	**100 Greatest Classics VII,** Various	Trax Classique
17	(-)	*Holst: The Planets, VPO/Karajan*	*Ovation/Decca*
18	(-)	**Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante,** BPO/Menhuin	CFP
19	(-)	**Beethoven: Symphony 5,** BPO/Karajan	Galleria/DG
20	(-)	**100 Greatest Classics V,** Various	Trax Classique

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JAZZ

☆ **AFRO-CUBA:** The latest instalment of Scott's highly successful Havana-to-London *cultural exchange programme.*
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **HUMPHREY LYTTELTON:** *Mainstream master and his band* invade the HQ of British bebop.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £4.

DANCE

☆ **COPPELIA:** Peter Wright's *colourful production for Sadler's* Wells Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622 35203). 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£10.50.

GALLERIES

VENICE IN PERSPECTIVE: The *first 100 years of view painting in* the lagoon with examples by Canaletto, Guardi and Bellotto.
Harari & Johns, 12 Duke Street, London SW1 (01-839 7671), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, free, until Oct 16.

ELEVEN SCOTTISH ARTISTS: Works by some less familiar names, young and old, thrown up by the widespread revaluation of recent Scottish art.
Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Sept 26.

RALPH STEADMAN: *Drawings and* cartoons from the Sigmund Freud and I, Leonardo series.
Rye Art Gallery, 107 High Street, Rye, East Sussex (0797 222433). Mon-Sat 10.30-1pm and 2-5pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until Sept 28.

HUGHIE O'DONOGHUE: Sombre drawings done since 1982 by a former artist-in-residence at The National Gallery.
Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath, London SE3 (01-858 4631), Mon-Fri 10-7.30pm (closed Wed), Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Oct 6.

IN ANOTHER WORLD: A large survey of work by what used to be called "primitive" — that is untrained — artists.
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton (0902 312032), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until Oct 10.

NEW SCULPTURE: *Works by* Tony Cragg and Jean Luc Vilmouth are among pieces by seven artists.
Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 37 Cowper Street, London EC2 (01-608 1516), Tues-Sun 11-6pm, free, until Oct 11.

LUCY HARWOOD (1893-1972): A retrospective for a renowned East Anglian painter and pupil of Sir *Cedric Morris.*
Fermoy Art Centre, 27 King Street, King's Lynn (0553 774725), Tues-Sat 10-5pm, free, until Sept 26.

ELIZABETH THOMPSON, LADY BUTLER *(1846-1933):* Famous battles and military episodes depicted by a popular Victorian painter.
National Army Museum, Royal *Hospital Road, London SW3 (01-*730 0717), Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Sept 26.

WALKS

HIDDEN SIGHTS OF THE WEST END: meet Covent Garden tube, 11am, £2.50.

ELEGANT MAYFAIR: meet Green Park tube, 11am, £2.25.

ROYAL LONDON — PEOPLE AND PLACES: meet Green Park tube, *2pm, £2.25.*

INNS OF COURT — ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £2.50.

MEDIEVAL CANTERBURY: meet Longmarket Tourist Information Centre, 10.30am and 1.30pm, £1.25.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES *DICKENS:* *meet Holborn tube, 2pm,* £2.50.

POLITICAL LONDON — *GOVERNMENT AND* PARLIAMENT: meet Embankment tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

GREAT AUTUMN SHOW: First day of this major three-day RHS show — a must for gardeners planning ahead for next year. Many of the best nurseries and specialists from all over the country will be present with roses, bulbs, herbaceous shrubs, trees, ornamental plants, herbs and many others.
Old and New RHS Halls, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Until September 17. Today 11am-7pm, *admission £2.50.*

CRAFTS ACROSS PORTSMOUTH: Three exhibitions at three venues to celebrate the opening of the Crafts Gallery at the City Museum *on September 6. One of them — Working Craftspeople and an Exhibition of Ironwork* is open this week only and shows examples of various crafts from blacksmithing to braidmaking, silversmithing, *stonecarving and spinning.*
Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsmouth. Until September 18. Daily 10am-6pm.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONAL PARKS: *Cavalcades will visit a variety of* parks, gardens and towns throughout the week. This morning Brian Redhead sends off cyclists to Chatsworth from Abingdon Green *opposite the House of Lords* between 10.30am and 11pm. Other National Parks events today at: Poulton-le-Fylde Market Square, Blackpool 10.30am; Market Place, Great Yarmouth 10am-1pm; Bradford City Hall 1pm; Sidmouth College, Dartmoor National Park 1pm-4pm and Gentleman's Walk, Norwich 2pm onwards.

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST: Tony Hare gives an informative talk about London's wildlife — where it is and how to protect it.
Tottenham Town Hall, High Road, London N15, 8pm. Further *information from David Rossney* (01-354 0028).

NATURAL HISTORY FILM: Visitors to the museum this afternoon can watch a short film explaining what happens "between the tides".
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7, 2pm. Admission to museum: adult £2, child £1.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking for autumn programme: *The Trojans at Carthage*, in English, in co-production with Welsh and Scottish Opera; *The Marriage of Figaro*, in English; and *Macbeth*, in Italian. Casts include Sally Burgess, William Lewis, Josephine Barstow. Sept 18-Oct 17.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351, 0532 445326).

AMERICAN ALL STARS JAZZ FESTIVAL: Tribute to Louis Armstrong and Fats Waller, with Peanuts Hucko, Billy Butterfield, Roy Williams, Hank Jones, Jim Galloway. Oct 25.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891, 01-628 8795).

LAST CHANCE

YERMA: Final performances of Lorca play in translation, by Di Trevis's NT group, with a compelling performance by Juliet Stevenson. Tonight, tomorrow and Thurs, matinée tomorrow.
Cottesloe, South Bank, London *SE1 (01-928 2252).*

CERAMIC ART OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE: Detailed survey of gorgeously decorative Maiolica pottery of 15th and 16th centuries. Ends Sun.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555).

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH MEDALS: Portraits of, among others, John Lennon and James Thurber, by Elizabeth Frink, Lyn Chadwick, Nigel Hall, and other sculptors. Ends Sun.
British Museum, (see above).

IMAGES FROM MUSEUMS: Work by Californian photographer Richard Ross, with photos of public galleries and natural history museums in New York, Paris, Cairo and Oxford. Ends today.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW6 (01-589 6323).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; ***Dance:*** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 Ton't 8.00 THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.

BLOOMSBURY THEATRE 01 387 9629 **KING CHARLES THE FIRST.** A new opera by Ernest Wilson. 1st Concert Perf Sun 27 Sept 3pm. Admission £2.50

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 T'row 7.30. **ROSALIND PLOWRIGHT** sings Verdi. **JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER.** Wks by Rossini, Rachmaninov, Elgar, Rimsky-Korsakov, with John Rawnsley, Philip Fowke, London Symphony Orch. cond Owain Arwel Hughes.

EXHIBITIONS

THE BURLINGTON HOUSE FAIR at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly W1 Open until 20th September Daily 11am 7pm except Sunday 20th 11am 6pm Admission £5.50 inc handbook

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Ton't 7 30 **Pacific Overtures.** Tomor 8.00 **Salome.**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day **PLEASE NOTE TOMORROW'S PERFORMANCE OF TANNHAUSER IS CANCELLED.** Thur 7 30 **Falstaff**

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 2
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7 30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4 30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Express **THEATRE AIR CONDITIONED**

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233 01 741 9999 **JULIE COVINGTON SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB** in **NEIL SIMON'S**
BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS
Directed by **MICHAEL RUDMAN** A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon Fri 7 30 Mats Weds 3 0 Sats 5 00 & 8 30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123 **OVER 300 PERFORMANCES NOW BOOKING UNTIL OCTOBER**

ALBERY 836 3878 CC 379 6565/ 4444 (Open All Hrs)/741 9999 Groups 836 3962 **MARTIN SHAW GAYLE HUNNICUTT** and **JAMES B. SIKKING** in CLIFFORD ODETS' searing drama
THE BIG KNIFE
Directed by Robin Lefevre *REDUCED PRICE PREVIEWS* Eves 8.0. mats Thur 3.0. Sat 4.0 (Opens 21 Sept at 7pm)

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
Winner of 4 **"BEST PLAY"** awards. Some tickets avail Mats **NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '88**

APOLLO Shaftesbury Ave. 437 2663 cc 434 3598 First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **DOROTHY TUTIN EILEEN ATKINS SIAN PHILLIPS** in
THURSDAY'S LADIES
Evgs 8.00 Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Thurs 3.00

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 CC 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444/ K Prowse 741 9999 Grps 930 6123. Eves 7 45 Mats Tue & Sat 3 0 **"PHENOMENAL"** D. Tel
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK** *OAP's £5 on Tues Mats* **NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 88**

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** Ton't, tomor 7.30, Thur 2.00 & 7.30
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
'A Vintage Dream' Times. **ROMEO AND JULIET** Fri, Sat. **THE BALCONY** rtns 21 Sept. **EARLY STAGES** today 5 45 **THE SHELTER** Tickets £1 50. **THE PIT** ton't, tomor 7 30, Thur 2.00 & 7.30 **THE ART OF SUCCESS** by Nick Dear **FLIGHT** Fri, Sat. **THE STORM** rtns 21 Sept. Students £4.50 in advance

BOULEVARD, Walker Court, Brewer St, W1 437 2661 cc 741 9999 **THE KING'S HEAD THEATRE** production of
DIARY OF A SOMEBODY
Joe Orton's Diaries Dramatised by John Lahr Mon-Sat 7 30 Fri & Sat Late Night 10.30 **"Very Rude, Very Funny"** T Out

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE 0243 781312 **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS** "Magnificent" Mail on S. **MIRANDA** "Delightful New Play" D Exp 7 30. Mat 2.30.

COMEDY 01-930 2578/6778 CC 839 1438 CC (bkg fee) 1st Call 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/ Open All Hours 379 4444. **PREVIEW TONIGHT** at 8.0. **OPENS TOMORROW** at 7.00 Subs Eves 8 mats Wed 3. Sat 5
GROUCHO
"adds up to an hilarious evening. A brilliant revue" NY Post **"A DAZZLING VIRTUOSO STAGE ACT"** Independent Group Sales 01-930 6123

COTTESLOE 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Ton't & Thur 7.30, Wed 2.30 & 7.30 (last perfs) **YERMA** by Federico Garcia Lorca in a new translation by Peter Luke. Fri 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7 30 **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE.** Mon 7.30 **TING TANG MINE.**

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** D Mail *The Theatre of Comedy Company* **ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES BILL PERTWEE**
RUN FOR YOUR WIFE!
Written and directed by **RAY COONEY** LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Over 1,800 side-splitting perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. Tel CC bkgs **FIRST CALL** 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 **NO BOOKING FEE** CC 741 9999 (no bkg fee) **OPEN ALL HOURS** 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 **DAVE CLARK'S**
TIME
THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE
DAVID CASSIDY
AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY
LAURENCE OLIVIER
Mon-Thu 7.30 Fri 8.15 Sat 4 & 8.15. **SPECIAL CONCESSIONS** at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 3pm (Sat - noon) **SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T NOW BOOKING TO APRIL '88**

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/Open All Hours 379 4444. TB Sale Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 9pm **BLUES IN THE NIGHT** "Two thrilling hours" Times Moves to Piccadilly 23 Sept

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444 **PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE.** From Sept 21: 7pm Commonplace in Mary Queen of Scots /9.15 Brown Blues. From Sept 24: 11.15 Jeremy Hardy.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hr cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S** Classic Thriller
AND THEN THERE WERE NONE
Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 Red price prevs from 29 Sept Opens 7 Oct. 7pm

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) **David Merrick's**
42ND STREET
A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted
BEST MUSICAL
STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted
BEST MUSICAL
LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted
BEST MUSICAL
PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 **BOOKING NOW UNTIL 1988**

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc 741 9999 Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs/Sat 3pm
NUNSENSE
THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL 'It will run for years' D Tel 'Wacky & Totally Entertaining' ILR 'Roaring Success... Irresistible... Perfect Taste' Stage 'A Great Big Embrace of Fun... Terrific Performances' BBC Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 **Over 200 Perfs. Bkg to Jan 88**

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (24hr no bkg fee). 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) **WILLIAM GAUNT SUZIE BLAKE MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN**
WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS?
by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8, Mats Tues 3, Sat 5 **OVER 150 PERFS! THE NEW HIT COMEDY.**

GLOBE THEATRE 437 3667. First Call (24hrs 7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Mon-Sat 7.45, Sat Mat 3.00. Red price prevs from 21 Oct. opens Oct 27.
MAGGIE SMITH
MARGARET TYZACK in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
a new comedy by **PETER SHAFFER** with **RICHARD PEARSON** directed by **MICHAEL BLAKEMORE**

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evgs 7 45, Mats Sat 2.30 **MARY ROSE** by J.M. Barrie. "Puts you under a spell" Times. "A good, atmospheric production" Independent

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 Eves 8pm. Sat Mats 4.30. **CURTAINS** by Stephen Bill. "You'll see no finer ensemble acting anywhere in London. Nor a better play". Sun Exp.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 **ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER"** Times. **"A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING"** Gdn. in
MELON
by **SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD"** Sunday Times **"BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC"** Sunday Telegraph Directed by **CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN** Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee) *Group Sales 01 930 6123*

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL**
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
MICHAEL CRAWFORD CLAIRE MOORE STEVE BARTON Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by **HAROLD PRINCE** Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **All perfs sold out til 2 Apr '88 NEW BOOKING PERIOD NOW OPEN. Postal bookings from 4 Apr-1 Oct '88.** Phone bookings cc 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131 / 240 7200. **N.B. Casting subject to change. QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS**

JEANNETTA COCHRANE Southampton Row, WC1 (01) 242 7040 The National Youth Theatre presents **SHAKESPEARE AND THE SUPERNATURAL** Today at 2.30. Sponsored by Sainsburys

KINGS HEAD 226 1916. **THE SAVAGE PARADE** by Anthony Shaffer, with **ALFRED MARKS** and Garfield Morgan. Tues - Sat Dnr 7, Show 8pm. Sat & Sun Mats 3pm. Sun Lnch 2pm

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373 (and all usual agents)
VICTORIA WOOD
Oct 12 13 14 15 16 SOLD OUT 3 extra shows added Oct 21 22 23

LYTTELTON 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Thur 7.00 & Fri 7.45, Sat, Mon 2.15 & 7.45 **Ninagawa Company** from Tokyo **MACBETH** by Shakespeare (in Japanese) 6 perfs only.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 **RICHARD TODD** in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir **THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner"** S Exp **"SENSATIONAL"** Times **7TH THRILLING YEAR!**

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568 / 638 8891 / 741 9999 **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** Ton't, tomor 7.30, Thur 2.00 & 7.30
THE GREAT WHITE HOPE
by Howard Sackler. "Brilliant" Guardian. **EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR** Fri, Sat. **THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY?** rtns 21 Sept. Students £4.50 in advance.

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568 / 638 8891 / 741 9999 **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**
SARCOPHAGUS
"Unquestionably the most important play in London" Guardian **OPENS 7 OCTOBER**

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank 01-928 2252
NATIONAL THEATRE
See separate entries under **OLIVIER, LYTTELTON, COTTESLOE.** Cheap seats days of perfs from 10 am. **RESTAURANT** 928 2033. **CAR PARK.** Info: 633 0880. First Call 240 7200 24 hr 7day/Keith Prowse 01-741 9999. Agency Bkg fee.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 **THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL**
CATS
Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. **NOW BOOKING TO 26 MAR 88**

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sat 4.0 & 7.45 **Royal Shakespeare Company "THRILLING"** (Today) in **"Cole Porter's glorious musical"** D.Tele
KISS ME KATE
with **PAUL JONES NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN FIONA HENDLEY "KATE STRIKES GOLD!"** FT **"SHEER BLISS"** D.Exp **"IRRESISTIBLY ENJOYABLE"** S.Times CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. **SEATS AVAILABLE TONIGHT!**

OLIVIER 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Today 1.30 (low price mat - please note early start) & 7.00 (prompt) **ANTONY & CLEOPATRA** by Shakespeare. Tomor 7.15, Thur 2.00 & 7.15 **A SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS.** Fri 7.00, Sat 2.00 & 7.00 **KING LEAR.**

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 **"THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS"** Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc **BEST MUSICAL**
LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **"FIGHT TO GET A TICKET"** LBC

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444, Open All Hours Grps 836 3962
TOM STOPPARD'S
"GLITTERING" D. Mail **"SUPERB"** Drama **"LUNATIC"** Times
ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD
"PURE COMIC INVENTION" Drama **MARK ARDEN & STEPHEN FROST** "Inspiring casting" Drama & **LIONEL BLAIR "Excels"** Today Eves 8, Mats Today 3.0, Sat 4.0 **LAST WEEK - ENDS SAT!**

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444, Open All Hours Grps 836 3962 **BLUES IN THE NIGHT** "Two thrilling hours" Tms **"THE BEST JAZZ SHOW IN TOWN"** Daily Mail LOW PRICE PREVS FROM 23 SEPT Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Avenue WC2. 839 4401 cc 24hr 1st Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 **HAZEL O'CONNOR DAVID EASTER HOWARD GOODALL'S**
GIRLFRIENDS
A New Musical Prevs From 26 September

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs **FIRST CALL** 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 **BEST MUSICAL 1986** Drama Magazine
CHESS
"A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to January 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5987 First Call 24hr/7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200
ALLO ALLO
with the TV Show Stars from 22 Sept

QUEENS 734 1166 / 0261 / 0120 cc 741 9999 First Call 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) cc 379 4444 Groups 930 6123 **FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG**
BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT
by **JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK** Directed by **DAVID GILMORE** Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 Prevs from Thurs. Opens 22 Sept Gala Perf Tomorrow 7.30pm

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Eves 8, Sat Mats 4 **THE EMPEROR** by Ryszard Kapuscinski, adapted for the stage by Michael Hastings & Jonathan Miller. "Indisputably brilliant" Inde.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554 From Thurs **AMBULANCE** by Gregory Motton. Dir by Lindsay Posner. Eves 7.30, Sat Mats (from 26 Sept) 3.30.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 From 23 November Now Booking! **WINNIE THE POOH** by AA Milne

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (No bkg fee) Eves 8.00 Sat 5.00 & 8.00 Wed Mat 3.00 Tonight at 7.00 Until 17 Oct **Gabrielle Drake, Clive Francis, Wendy Hiller, Harold Innocent, Phyllida Law, Denis Lawson, Natalie Ogle** in Oscar Wilde's **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Directed by DONALD SINDEN

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30, Thu & Sat Mat 3 **RUTH MADOC GERALD HARPER UNA STUBBS SIMON WILLIAMS**
BLESS THE BRIDE
UNTIL 26 SEPT BOOK NOW

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888 cc & groups 379 6219, 836 0479/741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **KEITH MICHELL SIMON WARD** in
PORTRAITS
A new play by William Douglas Home Directed by John Dexter "Like 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses' and 'Breaking The Code' one of the best new plays to hit the West End" Time Out. Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/ 240 7200/ 741 9999 **DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY**
FOLLIES
The Sondheim/Goldman Musical
"A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" FT
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS** Box Office Phones Open 9am-9pm (No bkg fee). Some good seats for Wed Mats still available

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0
35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6125
BARRY HUMPHRIES
in
BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!
Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8 Red price prevs Nov 10-Nov 14 **OPENS NOV 17**

STRAND BO&CC 836 2660/ 4143/5190 K Prowse 741 9999 Eves Mon-Sat at 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00, Sat 5.00 **COLIN BAKER JACK WATLING** in
CORPSE!
The Comedy Thriller 'Ingenious' S Times 'Ingenious' D Tel 'Ingenious' Std 'Ingenious' FT Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** at **RST. The Taming of the Shrew** Tonight. Fri 7.30. **Twelfth Night** Tomor 7.30, Mats Thurs, Sat 1.30. **Julius Caesar** Thurs 7.30. **Merchant of Venice** Sat 7.30 **Swan Theatre** **The Revenger's Tragedy** Tonight, Fri 7.30. **The Jew of Malta** Tomor 7.30, Mats Thurs, Sat 1.30. **Hyde Park** Thurs 7.30. **Titus Andronicus** Sat 7.30. Stop-Over meal/ ticket package [illegible]

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First Call CC 24 Hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) CCTS 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Air Conditioned **GEOFFREY HUTCHINGS TOYAH WILLCOX** in The National Theatre Production of
THREE MEN ON A HORSE
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ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8, Barbican Centre, Ldn, EC2. 01-638 4141 ext. 406. **THE IMAGE OF LONDON:** Views by Travellers & Emigres 1550-1920. Until 18 Oct. Tues-Sat 10am-6.45pm. Sun & Bk Hol 12-6.45pm CLOSED MON exct Bk Hols. Adm. £2.50 conc. £1.25.

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CINEMAS

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Social Terrors (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** *and* **8.15**; *weather at* **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.** Plus, a preview of today's debate at the Liberal Party Conference on the merger with the SDP. **8.55** Regional *news and weather.*
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Neighbours** (r). **9.25 Star Memories.** Cliff Michelmore talks to Nick Ross about his *favourite television moments* (r).
10.00 News and weather **10.05 The Flintstones.** Cartoon series. **10.25 Play School** presented by Jane Hardy with guest, Stuart Bradley. Followed by **Willo the Wisp**, with the voices of Kenneth Williams (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Jan Harvey with a thought for the day. **11.00 News and weather.**
11.05 The Waterloo: The Greenall Whitely Crown Green Bowling Handicap. From an original entry of 2,048, the final 16 battle for £20,000 prize money. Introduced by Richard Duckenfield from Blackpool's Waterloo Hotel.
12.00 News and weather **12.05 Dallas.** *Somebody plots to keep* the Pam and Bobby estrangement on the boil (r). **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Eileen Clarke is determined to delve *into Andrea's past* **1.50 *Life File.*** How Warwickshire driving instructor Peter Harrison and his wife faced up to his heart transplant (r).
2.20 The Waterloo. Further coverage of the Greenall Whitley *Crown* Green Bowling Handicap from Blackpool.
3.50 *Tottie. Adventures of a doll* (r). **4.10 Sebastian, the Incredible Drawing Dog!** With Michael Barrymore (r). **4.25 Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game.
4.40 Bad Boyes. *Episode one of a* new six part comedy serial about a fly schoolboy, starring Steven Kember. **5.00 Newsround 5.10 Chegwin Checks It Out.** *Keith Chegwin investigates food.* **5.35** The Muppet Babies (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 No Place Like Home. *Arthur* is concerned when Beryl, after a quarter of a century of sporting inactivity, decides to take up squash. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg is concerned about his own level of fitness; Pauline has mixed feelings when a friend pays her a visit; and Mary receives a response for which *she is* unprepared. (Ceefax)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. *Seymour opines that Compo is in* need of physical rehabilitation and finds the combination of a canal and a canoe too much of a temptation to pass by (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 You Must Be the Husband. Comedy series starring Tim *Brooke-Taylor and Diane* Keen. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and weather.
9.30 Truckers. Episode two of the eight-part drama series about a cowboy haulage firm, starring James Hazeldine. (Ceefax)
10.20 *Film: Stir Crazy (1980) starring* Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor. Comedy about two entertainers who are each sentenced to 125 years in prison after falling victims of mistaken identity. They resolve to break out of captivity by any *means possible. Directed by* Sidney Poitier.
12.10 Weather.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. *News* at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** *and* **6.58**; *financial news at* **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes advice on communicating with teenagers.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Chain Letters. Word game. **10.00 Santa Barbara.** *A stranger* plants a bomb at the Perkins home **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Studio discussion on *young people and drink* chaired by Mike Scott.
11.10 Rainbow. Learning made fun with the help of puppets. (Oracle) **11.25 Thames news** *headlines* **11.30 *About Britain.*** The first of five programmes in which David Bean retraces Robert Burns's 1787 journey from Edinburgh to Dumfries by way of the Scottish Borders. **12.00 Jimmy's.** Another visit to St James's University Hospital, *Leeds.*
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Reilly – Ace of Spies. Part two of the drama serial starring Sam Neill (r). (Oracle) **2.00 Password.** Word association game. **2.30 Centre Break.** The *second of four drama* documentaries about the work of marriage counsellors.
3.00 *Recollections. Glenys Kinnock* recalls the stories behind a collection of mementoes **3.25** Thames news headlines. **3.30** The Young Doctors.
4.00 Rainbow. *A repeat of the* programme shown at 11.10 **4.15** The Adventures of Tin Tin **4.25** *Andrew O'Connor's Joke* Machine **4.35** Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy's conservation series.
4.50 Your Mother Wouldn't Like It (r).
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.30 The Roxy. Pop music.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm.
7.30 Reporting London. *Lindsay* Charlton has good news for allergy sufferers; and Michael Barratt chairs a debate on the future of the Notting Hill Carnival.
8.00 Film: Champions (1983) starring John Hurt. Drama, based on fact, about the national hunt jockey. Bob Champion's, battle with cancer. Directed by John Irvin.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather *followed by* Thames news headlines.
10.30 Viewpoint 87: Lightning Out of Lebanon. American film-maker Barbara Newman visits the *headquarters of the Shi'ite* Hizbollah and meets their leader Hussein Moussawi who explains the need to take hostages.
11.30 Film: Uncle Benjamin (1969) starring Jacques Brel. An 18th-century French village doctor is determined to remain a bachelor in order to continue his amorous adventures. Directed by Edouard Molinaro.
1.10 Nashville Swing. With Thom and Myrna and Larry Gatlin.
2.00 That's Hollywood. Special effects departments.
2.30 *News headlines followed by* Three's Company. American comedy series.
3.00 Film: Nightmare in Badham County (1976) starring Deborah Raffin and Lynne Moody. A made-for-television drama about the misadventures of two girl *college students whose car* breaks down near a small, sleepy country town. Directed by John Llewellyn *Moxey.*
5.00 Donahue meets male dancers. Ends at **6.00.**

A convict inheritance

Australian sheep shearers in the 1870s, descendants of the *first convict settlers* (Australia, BBC2, 9.30pm)

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● With a cheery "G'day, I'm Tom Keneally" the author of *Schindler's Ark* launches the bicentennial series, **Australia** (BBC2, 9.30pm) from a boat on Sydney Harbour. Here, 200 years ago, the story of Australia began, with the arrival of convicts from the mother country. Eschewing the device of a single anchorman, the series offers five films, each with a *different* presenter. There are three programmes on Australian history, one on geography and one by Spike Milligan, who, among other things, interviews a couple taking a bath in the open air. Tackling the early settlement of the Continent, Keneally *gets the project off to a crisp,* confident start. He not only knows his stuff but knows how to make good television out of it. He suggests that the uncle of Australia was George Washington: having lost the American colonies, Britain needed a new imperial adventure and found it in the south Pacific. The importance of the convict inheritance is rightly stressed, and Keneally points out that having a convict ancestor is still a source of pride. From the pickpockets and prostitutes, sheep thieves and muggers of England, a new nation was made. There *are parallels with the 19th* century history of the United States, in the clash between the white settlers and the natives and the gold rush which encouraged new settlement. In a curious aphorism, Keneally likens his country to Catholicism: "the company is sometimes questionable and *the landscape grotesque. But* you always come back". Keneally takes the story to the turn of the century and leaves you wishing he was going to be there for the rest of the series.

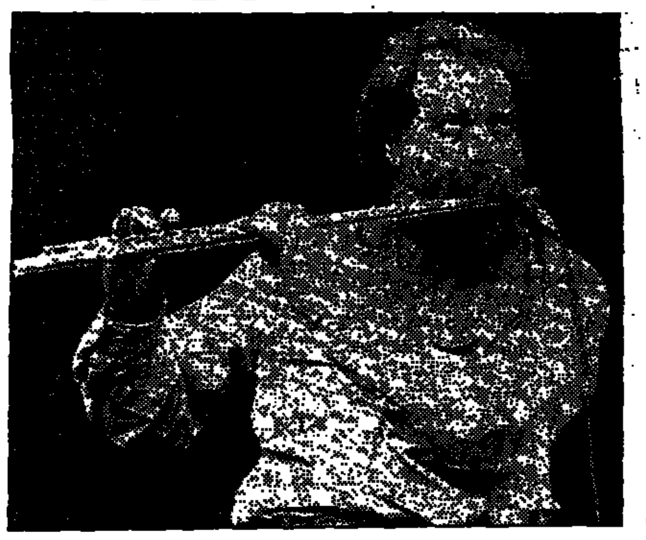
Peter Waymark

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Education - Open Skies, Grass Roots. *Ends at* **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**
9.50 Liberal Assembly 1987. Live coverage from *Harrogate* of the debate on the merger with the SDP.
12.45 Songs of Praise from Brixham (r). (Ceefax) **1.20 Pigeon Street.**
1.35 *The Waterloo. Highlights of* this morning's second two matches in the Greenall Whitley Crown Green Bowling Handicap.
2.00 *News and weather* **2.02 Liberal Assembly 1987.** Further coverage. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
3.55 The Waterloo. Further live *coverage* from Blackpool.
5.00 Northwards. Eric Robson introduces a documentary about *the voyage in 1983 of a small* flotilla from the River Tyne to Maryport on the coast of Cumbria (first shown on BBC North East).
5.30 *Film 87 (r).*
6.00 No Limits. Rock music programme, this week from St Andrews.
7.00 Tricks of the Trade. Paul Coia and Debbie Greenwood with more *trade secrets. The celebrity tip* comes from Lynn Faulds Wood.
7.30 Wildlife on Two: Nautilus - 500 Million Years Under the Sea. A portrait of an ocean creature that is related to octopus and squid (r). (Ceefax)
8.00 Floyd on France. Keith Floyd visits the wine growing area of Gevrey-Chambertin on the first day of the grape harvest and cooks a gargantuan feast for the ravenous pickers.
8.30 Brass Tacks: *A Healthy Investment?* A studio discussion on whether or not private patients are a healthy investment for the National Health Service.
9.00 Just Another Day: *John Pitman* visits the Blue Cross Hospital for Sick Animals (r).
9.30 Australia. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.25 Newsnight **11.15** Weather.
11.20 The Waterloo. Highlights of the day's play in the Greenall Whitley *Crown Green Bowling* Handicap.
12.10 Open University: Photosynthesis - the First Nanosecond. Ends at **12.40.**

CHANNEL 4

9.35 Schools.
12.00 *Silent Classics: Show People* (1928, b/w) starring Marion Davies. King Vidor's comic satire based on the early career *of* Gloria Swanson.
1.35 *Aranjuz Concerto. The RTVE* Symphony Orchestra perform Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez,* with solo guitarist, Narciso Yepes.
2.05 Film: Two-Faced Woman (1941, b/w) starring Greta Garbo in her last film. She plays the *role of a woman who poses as her* twin sister in order to bring her philandering husband to heel. Directed by George Cukor.
3.45 Valued Opinion. Part four of *Max Robertson's series on* antiques focuses on pottery.
4.00 A Full Life. Jill Cochrane talks to *Barbara Castle about her life* and political career. (Oracle)
4.30 The Gong Show.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 *Nature in Focus. (r) (Oracle)*
6.00 Conference Report. Glyn Mathgias presents highlights of the day's debates at the Liberal Assembly in Harrogate.
6.30 World Alive: Spain. This third *programme of nine on the wildlife* of Spain examines the skills of the woodpecker (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 *Comment followed by* Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Billy is upset by *Jonathan's loud music.* (Oracle)
8.30 4 What It's Worth. John Stoneborough investigates the sale of deadly martial arts weapons to children; Bill Breckon *reveals the extent of chemical* pollution in drinking water; and David Stafford finds the best buys in High Street film processing.
9.00 Fish 'n' Sheep 'n' Rock 'n' Roll. A profile of Ian Anderson, leader of the rock band, Jethro Tull.
10.00 American Football. The New York Giants v the Chicago Bears.
11.15 The Unrepeatable Who Dares Wins. Alternative comedy series.
11.45 *Film: The Tyburn Case* (1957, b/w). Scotland Yard investigate the death of a woman found in the sewers. Directed by David Paltenghi. Ends at **12.20.**



Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson, owner of a Scottish salmon farm. Fish 'n' Sheep 'n' Rock 'n' Roll (C4, 9pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35-6.00pm** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** *Rolf Harris Cartoon Time* **12.10-12.15** News and weather **SCOTLAND 6.35-7.00pm** Reporting Scotland **8.00-8.30** Superscot **10.20-10.50** The Corries **10.50-12.35am** Film: Stir Crazy **12.35-12.40** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Walking the Ground with Sam McAughtry **12.10-12.15am** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35-7.00pm** *Regional news magazines*

ANGLIA As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** News About Anglia **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Only When I Laugh **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Aids **12.00** World Beyond **12.30am** America's Top Ten **1.00** Film: Blondie* **2.30-3.00** Three's Company **5.00** Farming Diary **5.30** Survival **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Tribute to Norman Nicholson **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.30-7.00** News **7.30-8.00** Jimmy Greaves **11.30** America's Top Ten **12.00** Heart of the City **12.55am** Film: Tennis Court **2.20** Contact **2.50** News.

GRANADA As London except: **12.50pm** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25-6.30** *This is Your Right* **7.30-8.00** Cuckoo Waltz **11.30** Special Squad **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST *As London except:* **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Police Precinct **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **11.30-12.30am** European Golf

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.25** Crossroads **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Hunter **12.30am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW *As London* except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** *Crossroads* **6.00** Today **6.30pm** Boat Show **7.00** The Roxy **7.30-8.00** Newhart **11.30** Postscript **11.35** Heart of the City **12.31am** Close

TVS As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Heirloom **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** The Sullivans **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** *Coast to Coast* **6.30** *Emmerdale* Farm **7.00** Frocks on the Box **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Silk Road **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Easy Street **11.30** T J Hooker **12.30am** Coping with Grief.

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Leave it to Mrs O'Brien **6.00** News Tonight **6.20** Preview **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** Norma Jean — Alias Marilyn Monroe **12.25am** Newstime.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.30** New Avengers **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools' Programmes **11.40** Rhagenni Ysgolion **12.00** Film: Captain Blood* **2.00pm** Gong Show **2.30** Village Show **3.00** Man and Music **4.00** Bewitched* **4.30** Ffalabalam **4.40** Foltron **5.15** *The Pilgrim** **6.00** *Brookside* **6.30** Home Service **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Ar y Ffordd **8.00** Lou Grant **9.00** Hustau **10.10** Newhart **10.40** Eleventh Hour **12.05am** Liberal Assembly **12.35** Closedown.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF *(see below)*
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** *Simon Bates* **12.30** *Newsbeat* (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Mike Read **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** *Newsbeat* **5.45** *Simon Mayo (incl* Top 40 Singles Review) **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John *Peel.* **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am.** Cricket Scoreboard **7.32pm**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson's Bunker Breakout (from Holmfirth, West Yorkshire) **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria *Hunniford* **3.30** *Peter Skellern* **5.05** Alan Titchmarsh **7.00** Jazz Classics in Stereo. (1): *Jazzopation: Fletcher Henderson* **7.35** The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** When Housewives had the Choice? **10.00** *You Start,* I'll Join In **10.30** Back to Square One **11.00** Peter Clayton **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Counterpoint **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Tradition Bearers **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Madame Bovary **8.30** Composer and Patron **9.00** *News* **9.09** *Review of British Press* **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Music for a While **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** *Londres Midi* **11.00** *News* **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** A Letter From Scotland **11.30** Sports International **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** *Outlook* **2.45** *Music in Old England* **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** *English by Radio* **4.45** *Londres Soir* **5.30** Heute Aktuel **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market **7.45** Report on Religion **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Omnibus **9.00** News **9.01** Stoddart Down Under **9.10** Book Choice **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter From Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Best of British **11.30** *Uncle Sam's Constitution* **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Jazz Guitarists **2.30** Viva **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: *Culture and change*
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Wagner (A *Faust Overture: Amsterdam* Concertgebouw under Antal Dorati), Rossini (String Sonata No 5: *Salvatore* Accardo, Sylvie Gazeau, Alain Meunier, and Franco Petracchi), *Bellini* (Oboe Concerto in E flat: Heinz Holliger with Bamberg SO under Peter Maag). Massenet (Scènes de féerie, Suite No 6: Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra under John Eliot Gardiner)
8.00 News
8.05 Morning Concert (continued): Lyadov *(Kikimora: USSR State SO* under Yevgeny Svetlanov), Balakirev (Octet, Op 3: *Russian Ensemble),* Rachmaninov (Preludes Op 32 Nos 5 to 8: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano), Prokofiev (Lieutenant Kijé suite: LSO under André Previn)
9.00 World Service News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Michael Haydn. Minuet and Trio, Concertino in D: (Dale *Clevenger, horn, and Franz* Liszt CO under Janos Rolla), Violin Concerto in B *flat (Franz Liszt CO, with* Thomas Zehetmair, violin), Symphony in D, P11 (Franz Liszt CO under Rolla)
10.00 Hilde Gueden: the soprano in recordings of Mozart's Exsultate, jubilate, K 165 (with Vienna PO under Alberto Erede), and Strauss songs, including Schlagende Herzen; *Meinem Kinde; Schlechtes* Wetter; Ich wollt'ein Sträusslein binden; and Als *mir dein Lied erklang.* With Friedrich Gulda (piano)
10.30 Martin Roscoe: piano recital. *Haydn (Sonata in C* sharp minor, H XVI 36), Schumann (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 11) (r)
11.15 Elgar and Tippett: Chilingirian Quartet. Elgar (Quartet in E minor), Tippett (Quartet No 3) (r)
12.15 BBC Philharmonic, with Michael Roll (piano). Part one. Weber (Der Freischütz *overture), Mozart (Piano* Concerto No 23)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert by the *BBC PO* (part two): Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D major)
1.50 Guitar Encores: Esteban Campuzano, Isao Kituguchi and Kristof Nieborak play Villa-Lobos's Study No 1, Weiss's Chaconne, Suite No 10; Segovia's Estudio sin luz; Brouwer's Parabola; and Giuliani's Grande *Overture, from the 1986* Havana Guitar Competition (r)
2.20 *Richard Arnell:* performances on record of his Serenade for 10 wind *instruments and double-*bass (London Baroque Ensemble under Karl Haas), String Quartet No 5 (Hanson Quartet, including Peter Hanson, Iris Juda, Yuko Inoue and Lionel Handy), and the ballet music Punch and the Child (RPO under Thomas Beecham)
3.20 Bournemouth SO, under Nicholas Cleobury, with David Wilson-Johnson (baritone). Mendelssohn *(Ruy Blas overture), Pfitzner* (Songs with Orchestra, including Herr Oluf, op 12; *An den Mond, Op 18; and* An die Mark, Op 15 No 3) and Hindemith (Symphony in E flat)
4.30 Debut: Omar Zoboli (oboe), with Lorendana Franceschini (piano). Donizetti (Sonata in F major), Ponchielli (Capriccio), Nielsen (Two Fantasy Pieces, Op 2), *Fauré (Pièce)*
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz *Spiegl's recorded music* selection. The theme is Names and Nicknames
6.55 News
7.00 An Ecstatic Transport: Christopher Wilson (lute) plays ricercars and song arrangements by Francesco Spinacino, Vincenzo Capirola, and Francesco da Milano, three Italian *Renaissance masters of the* instrument
7.30 The Ring from Munich: *Nikolaus Lehnhoff's new* production of Wagner's Die Walküre, recorded at the *Munich National Theatre.* Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts Bavarian State Orchestra. The cast includes Kurt Moll, Cheryl Studer, Robert Schunk, James Morris, Marjana Lipovsek, Hildegard Behrens, Brigette Fassbaender, Gabriela Maria Ronge, Andrea *Trauboth, Marianne Seibel,* Christel Borchers, Birgit Calm, Anne Pellekoorne, and *Gudrun Wewezow.* Act one. Act two at **8.45**, act three at **10.35.** In the intervals, at **8.30** and **10.20**, Patrick Carnegy introduces selections from Thomas Mann's Pro and Contra Wagner. The reader is Stephen Thorne
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News *Briefing; Weather* **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** *News* **6.45** *Business* News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** *Your Letters* **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Augustus Carp Esq. By Himself (7 of 10). Read by Harold Innocent **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent
10.30 *Morning Story: The Bishop* and I, by Terry Tapp. Read by Bill Wallis
10.45 *Daily Service (s)*
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: By the Sea, by Iain *Chrichton* Smith with Madeleine Christie and Callum Mill (s)
11.32 The Living World: Peter France on the dormouse, a creature who spends much of its time asleep
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint: General musical knowledge quiz, *chaired by Ned Sherrin.* Today's contestants are Tony Martin, a social services training officer, Peter Kennedy, a cashier, and John Haden, a solicitor (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One presented *by Nick Worrall*
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray. Sara Parker investigates the growing trend for women to run pubs. She discovers *that it can be a rewarding* but sometimes dangerous occupation. Robert Hickson reads the first of an eleven part serial about Ireland in *the Twenties, by Terence de* Vere White: Prenez Garde.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: *Bhowani Junction by John* Masters. With Gary Bond and Shireen Shah (last of five part dramatization by Barry Campbell) (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 The Dodo Legacy: Stories of birds which were brought to extinction. *Barry Paine* narrates the tale of the last passenger pigeon which died in Cincinnati zoo in 1914
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM presented by Robert *Williams and Valerie* Singleton **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 *News with Bryan Martin, incl* Financial Report
6.30 Screenplay: Iain Johnstone *hosts a film quiz*
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell explores the ways in which shifting social and moral attitudes have affected family life (see Choice)
8.00 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of *medical care — from* research laboratory to the GP's surgery
8.30 *Last of the Long Hot* Summers: Garry Northam reports from two American *cities, Atlanta and Detroit,* which were devastated by riots 20 years ago. prompting a major programme of urban renewal (see Choice)
9.15 In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped. Presented by Ian Macrae
9.45 Kaleidoscope presented by Paul Allen. Tonight's topics *include a review of Pubis Angelical* by Manuel Puig, author of *Kiss of a Spider Woman*; and Miss Mary, the new film starring Julie Christie, directed by Maria Luisa Bemberg
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Behind *the Wall, by Colin Thubron* (2) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight presented by Alexander MacLeod, includes coverage by Sally Hardcastle of the Liberal Party Assembly in *Harrogate*
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 A Women's Touch: Clara Haskil plays piano music by Schumann, Mozart and *Scarlatti (records)*
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** A-Level History: Unemployment in the 1930s (s) **11.40** Sounds Inventive (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** *Listening Corner (s)* **2.00** Books, Plays, Poems (s) **2.30** Science for All (s) **2.50** Authentic German for *GCSE* **5.50-5.55** *PM* (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University **11.30** Open Forum: University Magazine **11.50** R W Dale and the Civic Gospel

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2**: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3**: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4**: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC**:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital**: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London**: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service**: MF 648kHz/463m.

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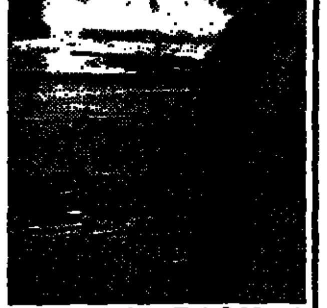

Inner city riots (R4, 8.30pm)

● Michael O'Donnell's series of "family portraits", **Relative Values** (Radio 4, 7.20pm), *continues to be compelling* listening. This week he turns his mildly critical attention to the Bushes, a self-proclaimed "Christian family". Mr Bush, a farmer, has prayed "for protection, particularly against rooks and jackdaws" with 100 per cent effectiveness. And he cheerfully describes the thunderbolt which burnt down half his house as "an act of the Devil with permission of God". O'Donnell can only penetrate *this squeaky-clean surface* obliquely, raising questions for which, of course, the Bushes have ready-made answers, but which remain hanging in the air. Is this a portrait of simple faith uncorrupted by the modern world or of a narrow, repressive and hugely self-satisfied way of life? O'Donnell leaves it to the listener to decide.

● In **Last of the Long Hot Summers** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) Gerry Northam reports from Atlanta and Detroit, 20 years after riots tore those cities apart. Since then urban renewal programmes have ensured civic peace. Can we learn something from the Americans about how to tackle our own inner city problems?

Nigel Andrew

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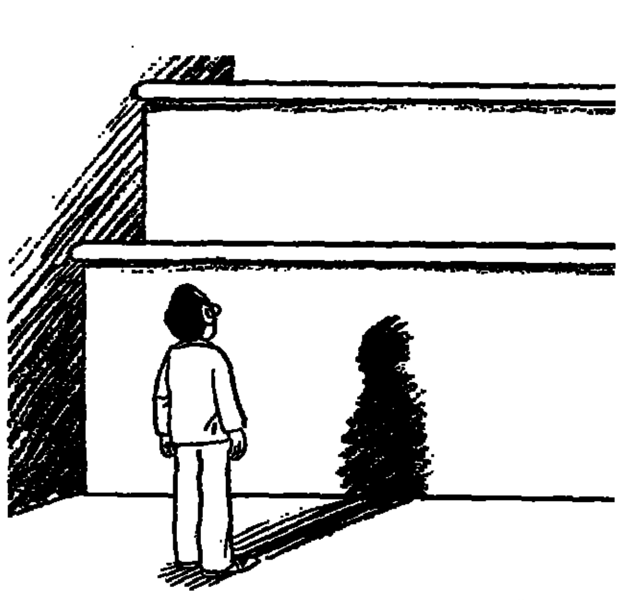

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Pit closures threatened as coal talks break down

By Tim Jones

Talks between Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, and miners' leaders broke down yesterday.

After 10 hours of fruitless negotiation with Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and his national executive committee, Sir Robert warned Britain's 100,000 miners that they faced another round of pit closures and job losses if they held an indefinite overtime ban from Monday.

Sir Robert said a 20 per cent cut in output would cost the industry about £10 million a week and lose the miners £4 million a week in wages, or £40 per individual.

In addition, he said, British Coal would not guarantee indefinitely its policy of no compulsory redundancies. Its £650 million investment programme would be jeopardized.

British Coal is adamant that disputes should no longer be settled by pit "umpires" but by industrial tribunals. That system, favoured by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, allows cases to be taken to the courts if one side is not satisfied.

Mr Scargill said he found it astonishing that British Coal would not accept, as the union was prepared to do, such umpires — whatever their ruling.

Mr Scargill said British Coal's intransigence had managed to unite his entire executive — a thing that he and general secretary Peter Heathfield had been unable to do for some months.

Today Mr Scargill and his team plan to meet officers of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to press further their argument for the pit umpire system.

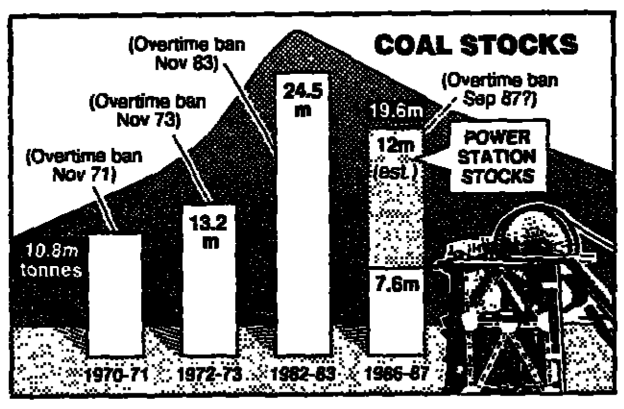
Sir Robert said that if an industrial tribunal came down on the side of a union member, British Coal would be bound by that decision. Then it would either reinstate him at a pit of the company's choice or give him financial compensation.

Sir Robert said "Any industrial action would play into the hands of those who want the proposed privatized electricty industry to turn to imported coal".

● The Union of Democratic Mineworkers yesterday claimed that thousands of miners, worried about the threatened industrial action, are defecting from the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr John Liptrott, the UDM general secretary, said 300 NUM members had joined his union in less than three weeks and that more were expected to follow.

"People are coming over to us daily", he said. "They are frightened that the threatened overtime ban will become strike action as it always has in the past, and many miners can't afford that — they still haven't recovered fully from the last strike."



Protest at plan to dump nuclear waste under sea

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However, the proposals are likely to face opposition at the planning stage. Leaders of the local pressure group, Cumbrians Opposed to a Radioactive Environment (Core), said yesterday that the proposed disposal "contravenes the spirit of the London Dumping Convention", the international treaty governing dumping of waste at sea, and ignored the current moratorium on sea dumping.

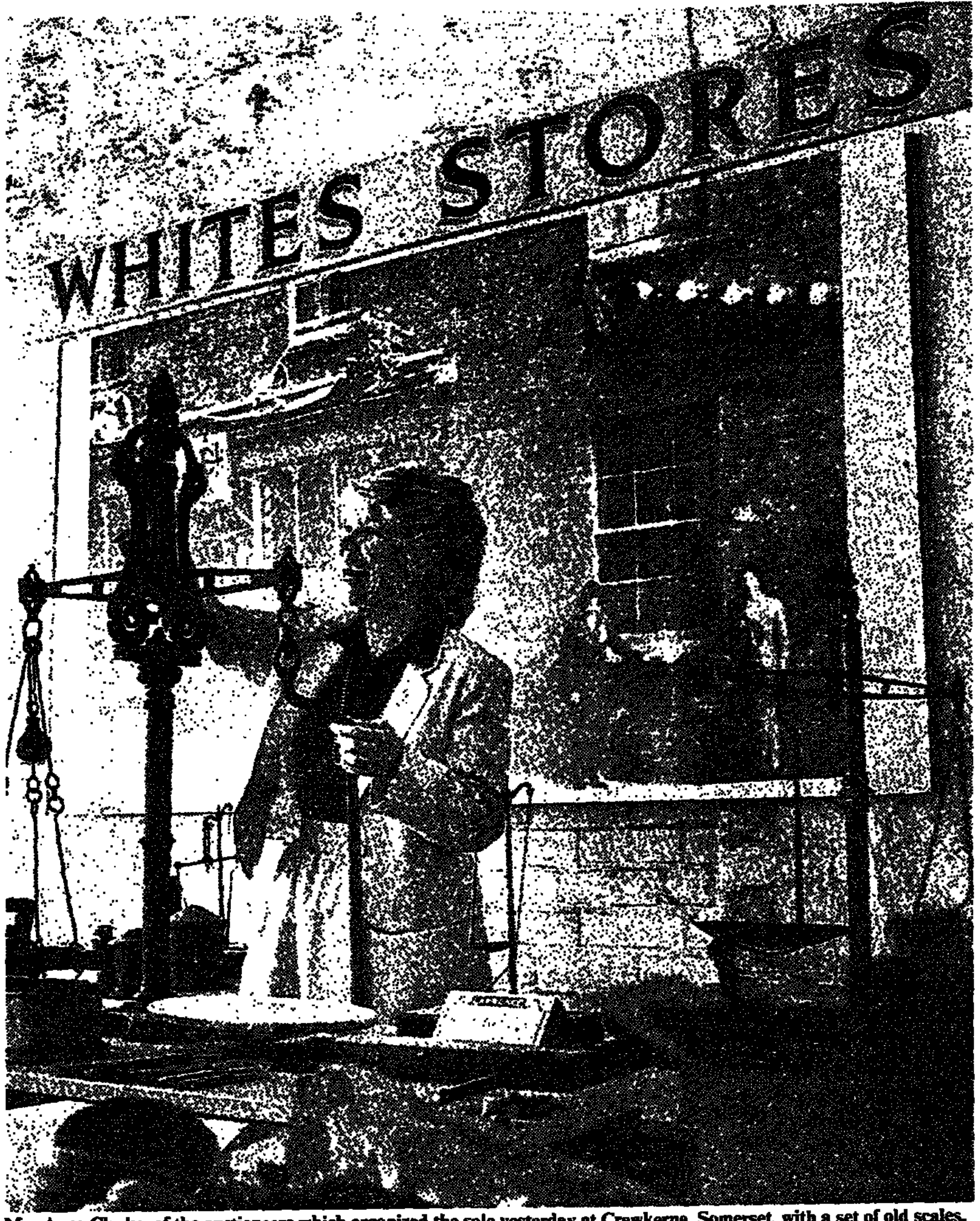
BNF claims the project is part of "a new approach" towards waste storage and disposal in Cumbria, which has the support of Nirex, the organisation responsible for the disposal of most of the UK's nuclear waste.

This approach includes a £20 million programme of improvements at the company's low-level waste site at Drigg, just down the coast from Sellafield.

Last week, BNF also revealed plans for a £200 million Enhanced Actinide Removal Plant at Sellafield, to reduce radioactive pollution from the effluent it pumps into the Irish Sea.

The Irish government's reaction to yesterday's announcement will be conveyed to Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, by Mr Ray Burke, its Energy Minister, when the two meet tomorrow in London. Last December the Irish parliament called for the closure of Sellafield.

The time warp chemist's is sold



Mrs Anne Clarke, of the auctioneers which organized the sale yesterday at Crewkerne, Somerset, with a set of old scales, and, below, some of the products of the Edwardian age which went under the hammer (Photographs: Nick Rogers).

THE POPULAR Effervescent SALINE
VENO'S SEAWEED TONIC
STOMACH LIVER
VENO DRUG Co
SIR HIRAM MAXIM'S PIPE OF PEACE AND MAXIM INHALER

The stock of an Edwardian chemist's shop, which was locked in a time capsule for more than 80 years, was sold at auction last night.

The shop, formerly run by Mr William White, in South Petherton, Somerset, was partitioned off after his death in 1909.

His son, Edward, continued selling patent medicines and wine until 1952, and Edward's daughters, Margaret and Evelyn, continued the business until the introduction of decimal currency in 1971, which decided them to shut up shop.

The sale, by Lawrence Fine Art, in Crewkerne, Somerset, was ordered after Margaret, aged 81, died and Evelyn, aged 80, went into a home.

The Georgian building made £78,000, while the chemist's stock-in-trade was knocked down in three minutes to Flambards Leisure Park, of Helston, Cornwall, for £13,000.

Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Kingsford-Hale, owner of the park, said: "I think I have paid a very fair price. It is impossible to recreate an apothecary's shop like this. It is unique."

● A retired caretaker who spent 50 years collecting more than two million individual items of everyday life, some dating back almost 200 years, will not be present today when his hoard is auctioned at Saxilby, Lincolnshire. Mr Roy Wells decided to sell when he could not find a permanent home for his collection in a museum, but he did not want to "prolong the agony" by seeing it go.

Conference sketch

The fuchsia men need your money

Last year's Teach-In on Direct Mailing was so successful that it was repeated this year. At 9 am, 17 people were asked to move to the front of the ballroom in the Majestic Hotel to hear a fast-talking gentleman, hand on hip, explaining the "two-page, successful-type, direct-mail letter".

"What you're trying to get them to do is sympathize, become enthusiastic and then cough up", he said. Some of the 17 took notes. "You've got to say (a) who you are, (b) what you want — money, and (c) why you deserve it". The paper should be white, he said, the print black, and you should get volunteers to trace or copy the handwriting of David Steel or your prospective parliamentary candidate. And don't forget to handwrite the word "Dear".

The teach-in was due to last for another two and a half hours, so I shuffled quietly out, over the road, and into the Kimberley Hotel to a session entitled "How to Bounce Back".

A packed basement heard a Liberal agent say that he couldn't think of a Liberal leader of a council after 10 years who had survived without a physical, mental, marital or emotional breakdown. "How can I get it over to my family that they are important to me? How can I programme my time to take account of those near and dear to me?". It was only 10 am, and the main assembly had not yet begun. On the staircase, a radio interviewer was asking: "Well, let's imagine a scenario where..." of a Liberal councillor who thought it dangerous to answer hypothetical questions.

At the perimeters of the conference hall, stalls full of books and badges were already assembled. The grandeur of their titles seemed in inverse proportion to the possible influence of the texts. *The Right to Citizenship* is a pamphlet by Alliance students, *The Fullness of Freedom* a pamphlet by Alan Beith. A stall run by the Association of Liberal Trade Unionists displayed a large orange banner portraying The Tolpuddle Martyrs, all of them looking like Postman Pat.

At the Liberal CND stall, a teddy bear on a badge said: "I want to grow up not blow up". Other badges stated: "Bunkers are Bonkers", "Real Ale Drinkers Against the Bomb", "Vegeterians Against the Bomb" and, rather wittily, "Gardeners for a Nuclear-free Fuchsia".

Past the Nicaragua Solidarity stall to the Liberal Students' stall, where there was literature on Aids and, in large capital letters, an offer of free condoms. A sample free condom was Sellotaped to a piece of cardboard.

There were more stalls upstairs. Some pamphlets were free, others surprisingly expensive. *Focus On Hemel Hempstead* was 30 pence, *Knocking On Doors — An Activist's Guide* 60 pence and *Could You Be A Liberal Councillor?* 30 pence. The *Liberator* magazine stall was running a caption competition on a photograph of the two Davids. A Young Liberals pamphlet dealt mainly with listing members, with pen portraits of their characters ("Brian Grocott, 21...Nice Bloke"). A large proportion of the pamphlets in the hall seemed to have forewords by Michael Meadowcroft.

Back in the Majestic Hotel, Shirley Williams was writing a speech while sipping coffee, surrounded by aides and photographers. "What's another word for 'rediscovery'?" she asked an aide, but he couldn't think of one. Across the road in the foyer of the Cairn Hotel, nine men, six of them bearded, were playing with Scalextric toy cars on a fund-raising circuit. A Liberal Press officer pointed out that it was perfect for photo-opportunities, eg David Alton playing with Scalextric.

In the ballroom of the Majestic, the same Teach-In on Direct Mailing was still not over. "...somewhere there's going to be a contact to enlarge the group within your catchment", the same man said, hand still on hip. It was approaching midday. "Have you ascertained whether the pubs are open yet?" a bearded man in a straw hat and three badges asked me, his curious juxtaposition of the bureacratic, the matey, the wacky and the earnest, further convincing me that I was among a people far stranger than any I had yet encountered.

Craig Brown

Arms embargo likely as peace mission fails

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Khamenei of Iran felt able to tell Mr Pérez de Cuéllar in Tehran that Iran was "dissatisfied with the decisions made by the Security Council". At no point, however, has Iran formally rejected the resolution.

Just how the Iranians will respond to a failure of the UN mission is already occupying the minds of Western embassy staffs in the region. At least one Western government believes that the Iranians would reply to an arms embargo by encouraging a series of aircraft hijacks or even bomb attacks on foreign embassies. There is much less certainty, however, about how the Soviets would react to a weapons embargo, something for which they have shown no enthusiasm over the past few weeks.

But there was no doubt at all yesterday about the reaction of the shipping world to the truce in the Gulf sea lanes which has coincided with the Pérez de Cuéllar mission. Oil tanker captains were yesterday taking advantage of the ceasefire to sail through the Strait of Hormuz in numbers unprecedented over the past few months.

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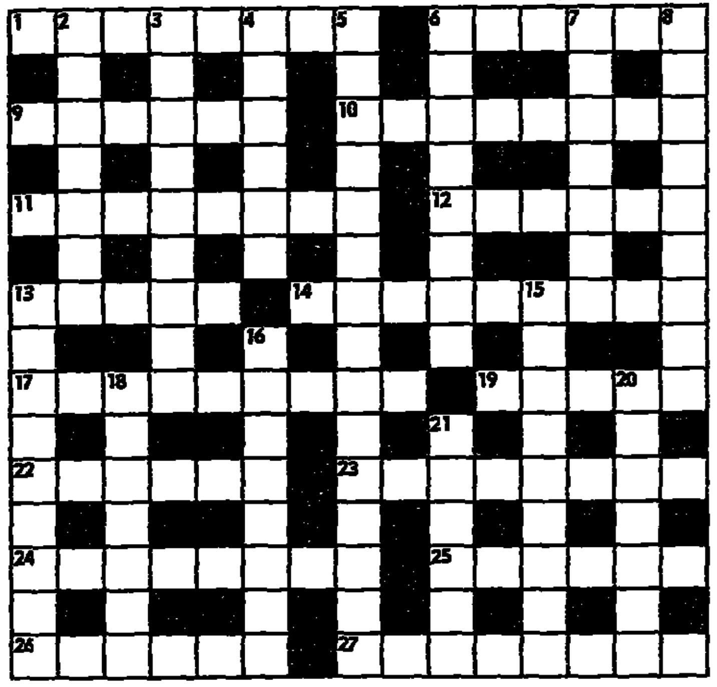

ACROSS
1 Immediate treatment leaves producer sober (5,3).
6 Extortionate price children's author announced (6).
9 Lightly touch butterfly, for example (6).
10 Lacking cultivation, before receiving guidance (8).
11 Going to ground, naturally, in open season (4,4).
12 A bad act first seen in 19th century theatre (6).
13 Not starting easily? Make a suggestion (5).
14 Left without inhibitions (9).
17 Knave, perhaps, or jester? (5-4).
19 Direct and neat English painter (5).
22 Happened to have cruel nature (6).
23 Finishes engine parts (8).
24 Current keeping river very hot (8).
25 Balanced type of person? (6).
26 Quick reaction seen in chemistry lab (6).
27 Leave king with nothing in the end, perhaps (8).

DOWN
2 Put in grave position, I'm only temporary (7).
3 Shell about half over, rest following? Duck! (9).
4 Sound gunners raised in battlefields (6).
5 Producing report after report that's ambiguous (6-9).
6 Reserved novel, holding it up (8).
7 Song-writer's music for one Scotsman (7).
8 Gothamite, for example, confused man with riddle (9).
13 But on car I crash, this protects clutch (9).
15 Be more than inaccurate on quantity (9).
16 Namely haircloth? In a way (8).
18 Foremost in riding on the promenade (2,5).
20 Aim to get points on board (7).
21 House from which a letter comes (6).

Concise crossword, page 10

WEATHER

A showery westerly airstream will cross the north of the British Isles, while a weak ridge of high pressure builds in the south. Most of England and Wales will remain dry and quite warm, with sunny spells, and perhaps a few light showers. The best of the sunshine will be in the east. Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will have sunshine and showers which will be heavy in the west, becoming lighter and more scattered in north-east England and eastern Scotland. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Staying mainly dry and warm with sunny spells in the south, but cooler with showers in the north and west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	27	81	Madrid	s	31	88
Akrotiri	s	31	88	Majorca	s	30	86
Alex'dria	f	30	86	Malaga	s	28	82
Algiers	s	32	90	Malta	s	28	82
Amst'dm	s	18	64	Melb'rne	c	15	59
Athens	s	30	86	Mexico C*	f	23	73
Bahrain	s	37	99	Miami*	s	33	91
Barbados*	c	27	81	Milan	s	26	79
Barcelna	s	28	82	Montreal*	r	16	61
Beirut nil				Moscow	c	10	50
Belgrade	s	33	91	Munich	s	29	84
Berlin	c	17	63	Nairobi	f	25	77
Bermuda*	f	29	84	Naples	s	31	88
Biarritz	s	25	77	N Delhi	s	34	93
Borde'x	s	27	81	N York*	r	23	73
Brussels	f	18	64	Nice	s	27	81
Budapest	s	32	90	Oslo	f	15	59
B Aires*	s	22	72	Paris	d	19	66
Cairo	s	32	90	Peking	f	28	82
Cape Tn	c	15	59	Perth	s	27	81
C'blanca	s	27	81	Prague	f	25	77
Chicago*	r	16	61	Reykjvik	f	5	41
Ch'church	s	12	54	Rhodes	s	28	82
Cologne	r	17	63	Rio de J	s	23	73
C'phagn	f	17	63	Riyadh	s	39	102
Corfu	s	33	91	Rome	s	29	84
Dublin	f	17	63	Salzburg	s	28	82
Dubrovnik	s	29	84	S F'rsco*	c	17	63
Faro	s	29	84	Santiago*	c	15	59
Florence	s	28	82	S Paulo*	c	24	75
Frankfurt	f	22	72	Seoul	s	26	79
Funchal	c	26	79	Sing'por	f	27	81
Geneva	c	29	84	St'kholm	f	15	59
Gibraltar	s	25	77	Strasb'rg	s	27	81
Helsinki	f	14	57	Sydney	s	22	72
Hong K	c	29	84	Tangier	s	32	90
Innsbrck	s	25	77	Tel aviv	s	33	91
Istanbul	s	25	77	Tenerife	s	28	82
Jeddah	s	36	97	Tokyo	s	28	82
Jo'burg*	s	24	75	Toronto*	c	23	73
Karachi	c	29	84	Tunis	f	29	84
L Palmas	s	29	84	Valencia	s	32	90
Le Tquet	c	18	64	Vanc'ver*	c	16	61
Lisbon	s	31	88	Venice	s	25	77

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Bridlington	10.9		19	66	sunny
Cromer	10.8	·	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	9.8		20	68	sunny
Clacton	10.2	·	20	68	sunny
Southend	8.7	.05	20	68	sunny
Margate	·	.01	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	8.8	.11	20	68	sunny
Hastings	8.2	.09	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	7.6	.10	19	66	sunny
Brighton	·				
Worthing	8.4	.08	19	66	sunny
Littlehmptn	9.1	.04	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	9.5	.04	19	66	sunny
Southsea	9.7	.04	19	66	sunny
Sandown	·				
Shanklin	9.2	·	·	·	sunny
Bournemth	9.9	.01	20	68	sunny
Poole	9.2	.01	21	70	sunny
Swanage	9.8	.05	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	9.0	.01	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	8.4	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	8.0	.01	21	70	shower
Falmouth	7.3	.01	19	66	sunny
Penzance	8.9	.04	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.7	.02	·	·	sunny
Jersey	5.8	.26	19	66	bright
Guernsey	7.7	.36	19	66	sunny
Newquay	9.6	·	·	·	sunny
Ilfracombe	·		18	64	sunny
Minehead	9.8		20	68	sunny
B'pool Arpt	10.4		17	63	sunny
Morecambe	8.4		16	61	sunny
Douglas	·	·	16	61	bright
B'ham Airpt	8.5	.06	19	66	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Carlisle	8.1	.05	15	59	shower
London	8.9		22	72	sunny
Manchester	8.1		18	64	sunny
N'ctl-o-Tyne	10.9		17	63	sunny
Nottingham	9.3		19	66	sunny
Anglesey	9.4		18	64	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	9.6		19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	·		18	64	sunny
Tenby	10.2	·	18	64	sunny
Aberdeen	1.4	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	6.4	.15	15	59	shower
Eskdalemuir	3.1	.28	13	55	shower
Glasgow	4.6	.50	15	59	shower
Kinloss	5.5	.07	16	61	shower
Lerwick	1.2	.24	13	55	shower
Prestwick	5.0	.07	15	59	shower
Stornoway	5.5	.23	14	57	shower
Tiree	7.1	.31	14	57	hail
Wick	6.3		15	59	bright
Belfast	5.8	.07	16	61	shower

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.25	6.0	7.50	6.1
Aberdeen	7.12	3.3	7.43	3.2
Avonmouth	12.22	10.6	12.32	10.2
Belfast	5.07	3.0	5.33	3.0
Cardiff	12.07	9.9	12.17	9.6
Devonport	11.08	4.5	11.37	4.2
Dover	4.43	5.4	5.07	5.3
Falmouth	10.38	4.3	11.07	4.0
Glasgow	6.21	4.2	6.28	4.3
Harwich	5.21	3.3	5.44	3.3
Holyhead	4.03	4.4	4.35	4.3
Hull	—	—	12.12	5.8
Ilfracombe	11.27	6.8	—	—
Leith	8.41	4.5	9.15	4.3
Liverpool	4.46	7.5	5.10	7.2
Lowestoft	3.20	2.1	3.50	2.1
Margate	5.33	4.1	6.04	4.1
Milford Haven	11.49	5.3	—	—
Newquay	10.46	5.4	11.23	5.1
Oban	10.52	2.9	—	—
Penzance	10.21	4.5	10.51	4.2
Portland	11.41	1.5	—	—
Portsmouth	5.12	3.9	5.34	3.9
Shoreham	4.33	5.0	4.59	4.8
Southampton	4.45	3.7	5.10	3.6
Swansea	11.55	7.5	—	—
Tees	9.47	4.4	10.17	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	5.20	3.5	5.47	3.5

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.345	2.225
Austria Sch	21.70	20.80
Belgium Fr	64.45	61.25
Canada $	2.24	2.13
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.30
Finland Mkk	7.53	7.13
France Fr	10.28	9.78
Germany Dm	3.09	2.93
Greece Dr	230	220
Hong Kong $	13.20	12.50
Ireland Pt	1.157	1.097
Italy Lira	2225	2115
Japan Yen	245.50	234.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.30
Norway Kr	11.34	10.74
Portugal Esc	242	230
South Africa Rd	4.40	3.60
Spain Pta	205.50	195.50
Sweden Kr	10.86	10.31
Switzerland Fr	2.56	2.43
USA $	1.704	1.62[illegible]
Yugoslavia Dnr	1550	[illegible]

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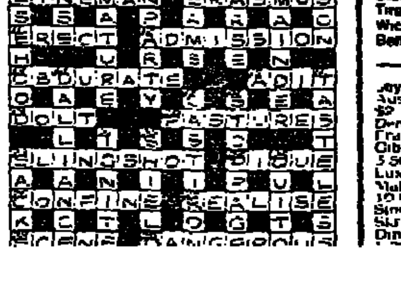

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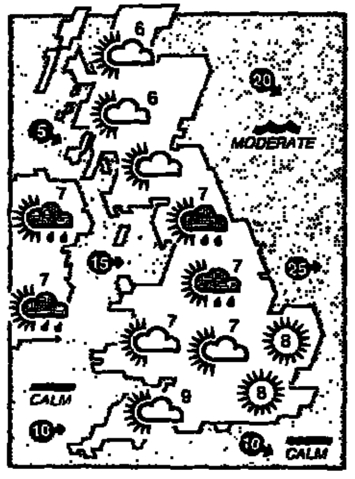

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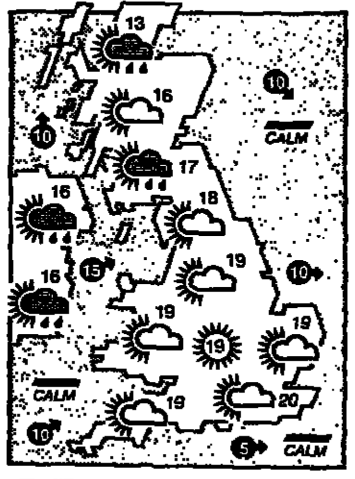

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.47 pm to 6.06 am
Bristol 7.56 pm to 6.16 am
Edinburgh 8.02 pm to 6.15 am
Manchester 7.56 pm to 6.13 am
Penzance 8.07 pm to 6.28 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	14	57	Guernsey	f	16	61
B'rmghm	f	17	63	Inverness	f	13	55
Blackpool	s	16	61	Jersey	s	19	66
Bristol	f	18	64	London	f	19	66
Cardiff	f	18	64	M'nchster	s	17	63
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Glasgow	c	13	55	R'nldsway	f	16	61

MANCHESTER

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LONDON

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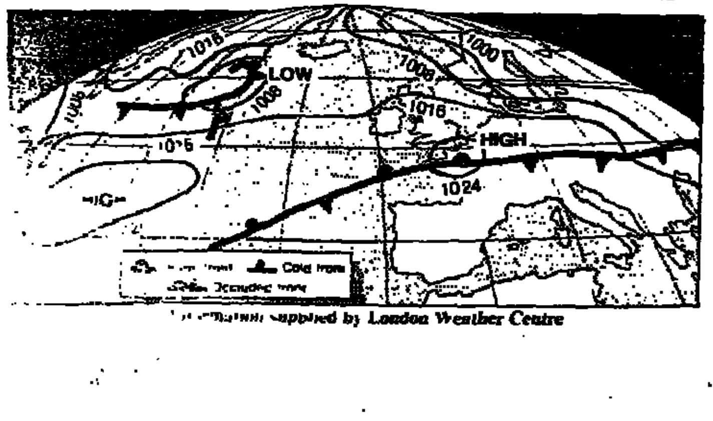

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1775.4 (+11.6)

FT-SE 100
2271.8 (+10.6)

Bargains
39878 (47765)

USM (Datastream)
211.98 (+1.69)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6345 (–0.0185)

W German mark
2.9740 (+0.0027)

Trade-weighted
72.9 (–0.2)

Sterling falls 1.85 cents

The dollar bounced back in London yesterday in a reaction to last Friday's *sharp* fall, gaining nearly 2 cents against the pound and almost two pfennigs against the mark.

"In the short term, the market is buying the dollar," said one dealer with a US-based bank, adding that operators *had bought back* dollars sold on Friday in anticipation of even worse trade data than the $16.47 billion July deficit.

The dollar closed at 1.6345 to the pound, a rise of 1.85 cents. However, it failed to break resistance at DM1.8225 but still finished in London yesterday at DM1.8175, compared with a close of 1.7980 on Friday and 1.8110 at the opening yesterday. *It closed at* 144.55 yen against a final 142.55 on Friday

Japanese first

Virgin, Mr Richard Branson's record company, is setting up a Japanese subsidiary, the first 100 per cent foreign-owned record company in Japan. Virgin's first releases are scheduled for next month and the first year's turnover is expected to exceed £6 million.

Ward doubles

Ward White, the retailing conglomerate which includes Halfords and Payless, nearly doubled its pretax profits to £20.1 million in the first half. The interim dividend goes up 16 per cent to 2.6p a share.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2610.49 (+1.75)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24954.02 (+125.75)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3649.84 (–10.66)
Amsterdam: Gen	n.a
Sydney: AO	2206.0 (–0.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2003.5 (+29.3)
Brussels:	
General	5198.4 (+70.1)
Paris: CAC	431.6 (+0.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n.a
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1160.61 (+4.97)
FT.–"500"	1272.32 (+3.75)
FT. Gold Mines	449.5 (–3.5)
FT. Fixed interest	90.89 (–0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	85.47 (+0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Glaxo	1715p (+31p)
Tate & Lyle	868p (+22p)
RM Douglas	250p (+17p)
Victor Products	170p (+18p)
Tomkinsons	505p (+20p)
Meat Trade	435p (+50p)
Unilever	650p (+17p)
Olives Paper	200p (+18p)
Christies	641p (+16p)
Merivale Moore	435p (+30p)
Cons. Gold	1520p (+25p)
RTZ	1343p (+43p)
Miller Santhouse	645p (+57p)
Costain Group	360p (+14p)
Spectrum	105p (+23p)
FALLS:	
Brent Chemical	203p (–12p)
Cable & Wireless	442p (–13p)
Dalgety	375p (–13p)
Ward White	408p (–12p)
Woolworth	344p (–11p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10$\frac{3}{32}$-10$\frac{1}{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: 9$\frac{13}{16}$-9$\frac{3}{4}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8$\frac{3}{4}$%
Federal Funds 7$\frac{13}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.33-6.31%*
30-year bonds 93$\frac{13}{16}$-93$\frac{27}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.6345	£: $1.6370*
£: DM2.9740	$: DM1.8175*
£: SwFr2.4685	$: SwFr1.5080*
£: FFr9.9214	$: FFr6.0670*
£: Yen236.76	$: Yen144.40*
£: Index:72.9	$: Index:101.4
ECU £0.697368	SDR £0.785053

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $456.60 *pm*-$455.55
close $456.00-456.50 (£278.50-279.00)
New York:
Comex $456.50-457.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) pm$18.25 bbl ($18.18)
** Denotes latest trading price*

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Li buys 4.9% C&W stake

Hong Kong investor in £250m share purchase

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Li Ka-shing, one of Hong Kong's wealthiest businessmen, has paid £250 million to become the biggest single shareholder in Cable and Wireless, the British telecommunications group.

Disclosure of the move yesterday set City analysts speculating about the ultimate purpose of the acquisition. A favourite theory was that Mr Li, *hitherto a local rival of* C&W, will use the stake to obtain leverage on the profit*able C&W subsidiary, Hong* Kong Telephone Company.

Mr Li's 4.9 per cent interest was mainly acquired last week by companies he controls: Cheung Kong, the property concern of which he is chairman, and its affiliates Hutchison Whampoa and International Holdings.

Simultaneous with an announcement of its stake-building operation in Hong Kong yesterday, the Cheung Kong group unveiled plans for four rights issues to raise a total of HK$10.32 billion (£809 million) — Hong Kong's biggest-ever fund-raising exercise.

Mr Li said the group planned to use the funds for investments in Hong Kong, which is scheduled for decol*onization in 1997. He did not* elaborate.

C&W officially welcomed *Mr Li's* acquisition as a "core investment" made in full awareness of the restriction that bars any shareholder or associates from owning more *than 15 per cent in C&W.*

"This must be an expression of confidence in the company," Mr Rod Olsen, C&W's finance director, said. Certainly, it was an investment that the company could feel "comfortable and *relaxed" about. In London,* C&W shares fell 16p from Friday's closing price of 455p.

Mr Olsen rejected as "absolute speculation" reports suggesting that Peking was *using Mr Li as a front man to* buy into C&W, owners of 80 per cent of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, in preparation for the day when Britain relinquishes control of the colony.

The Chinese government *could well have small interests* in C&W already, Mr Olsen conceded. But this did not worry C&W, nor would a larger stake.

Mr Li, who was born in mainland China, started his business life as a fish salesman, before building up his commercial empire in the Crown Colony.

C&W has been heavily involved in China's telecommications since the early 1980s and has established close ties with Peking.

Sir Eric Sharp, the C&W chairman, in his capacity as president of the Sino-British Trade Council, will be accompanying Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to China next *month. In conjunction with* this trip he is expected to have discussions with Mr Li about his intentions concerning C&W.

Some analysts predict that C&W will fight any attempt by Mr Li to gain control of Hong Kong Telephone, as this would form a key element in *the group's plans for its own* global telecommunications net — especially if its bid to enter the lucrative Japanese market goes awry.

Stake may be raised

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Li Ka-shing said his companies had started to buy Cable and Wireless shares in the market in May, after approaching the board of the company. "They welcomed the investment," he said.

"We stepped up our buying *last week," he added.* "At this hour this is a straight investment — but I don't want to tie my hands by saying that we wouldn't want to increase our shareholding in Cable and Wireless."

"We believe this is a very *good investment and this is the* right time to do it."

Mr Li said less than HK$3 billion (£235 million) of the HK$10 billion to be raised *would be used to pay for the* Cable and Wireless stake, while the rest of the funds would be spent on investments in Hong Kong and overseas.

Paul Lovelace

Successful mix: Long John's Tony Derry (left) and Norman Burrough of James Burrough

£174m Whitbread buy

By Alison Eadie

Whitbread, the brewing and *drinks group, is taking over* James Burrough, the Beefeater gin company, in a £174.5 million agreed bid.

The Burrough brands will *join forces with Whitbread's* Scotch whisky subsidiary, Long John International, *headed by Mr Tony Derry,* to create a larger marketing and sales presence. Other brands will be added to the portfolio later, the companies said.

Burrough is 70 per cent owned by the Burrough family and 30 per cent by institutions. It is quoted on the Granville over-the-counter market.

Mr Norman Burrough, the chairman, said: "We have been an independent family company for 160 years and this has not been an easy *decision for us."*

He added that the international drinks market had changed so significantly that Burrough needed to be part of a *larger organization* to continue the development of its brands.

Mr Sam Whitbread, the Whitbread chairman, said the company had been seeking to build the premium spirits business for a long time. *James Burrough, as one of the* few leading independent spirits companies in Britain, was "the one we wanted most."

Burrough felt it needed the *muscle of a larger organization* on the distribution front, particularly with the regroupings into bigger battalions in the worldwide drinks market.

Beefeater is the largest ex*ported gin brand in the world,* sold to 170 countries, while Long John is the fourth-largest selling Scotch whisky in Europe. The new division, under the James Burrough name, will also sell Burrough's Borzoi Vodka and Whitbread's *Laphroaig malt whisky.*

The two groups are complementary, with Beefeater strong in Spain but not in France and vice versa for *Long John.*

The offer is 2.15 new limited voting "A" shares in Whitbread and 480p cash for each Burrough share. Whit*bread loan notes are available* in lieu of cash. Shareholders and trustees of Burrough have accepted the bid for 57.2 per cent of the shares.

Raised bid wins PFPUT for Clegg

By Michael Tate

The curtain finally came down on Pension Fund Property Unit Trust yesterday when unitholders voted to accept an eleventh hour revised bid of *£271 million from the Mount*leigh Group, headed by Mr Tony Clegg.

Yesterday's meeting included a fresh bid, a delayed *start, two adjournments,* and a resignation threat from the chairman of the fund's management committee.

It had been called to vote on a £263.5 million offer from Mountleigh for the trust's property portfolio. It was *thrown into chaos last Friday* by a rival £270 million scheme from Banque Paribas and Tops Estates, and then, only minutes before the meeting, by a revised £271 million bid from Mountleigh.

Fewer than 80 people were at the London Marriott Hotel's conference room in Grosvenor Square when Mr Dennis Marler, the chairman, opened the meeting late. At the back sat Mr Everard Goodman, the Tops chairman, and the Paribas team, *although there was no sign of* Mr Clegg.

But his presence was felt. Mr Clegg had made his new bid conditional on acceptance *at the meeting.*

PFPUT was formed to invest in property on behalf of the tax-exempt pension funds. But it had reached the point *where many investors wanted* to sell out. In July Trafalgar House launced a £188 million bid, but its offer, and three successive bids, were thrown out as too low. Instead the 400 unitholders voted to turn the trust into a company and float *it on the stock market.*

Then Mountleigh appeared with its £263.5 million cash offer, which was recommended by Mr Marler's com*mittee. Its advantage was that* it was unconditional and would pay holders out in early October. Its disadvantage was that it promised to force out a substantial minority of holders who wanted to keep their investment.

The Paribas-Tops bid rectified that, but its drawback was it wanted seven days to look at the books, and that payment would have taken longer.

Twice adjournments were called for — once to consider a resolution to adjourn and once for a poll to be taken. Mr Marler threatened to resign: "It would be a vote of no confidence in the committee, *which has recommended* acceptance," he said.

Mr Marler's resistance has ensured almost 50 per cent improvement in terms for his *holders.*

Shearson to sack 150 in cost-cutting move

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Shearson Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, yesterday announced that its London office was dismissing 150 staff and halving the number of stocks in which it makes markets to 200.

It is the first US firm to order heavy cuts since last October's Big Bang, although several British securities firms have reduced staff numbers.

The cut follows a review of costs throughout the group's worldwide operations that began six weeks ago. So far, the London office is the only one affected.

*M Jacques Gelardin, chair*man of the London office, said the staff cuts were widely spread and that Shearson was not withdrawing from any of *its present* areas of business in Britain. This contrasts with large-scale *redundancies* at Lloyds Merchant Bank and Greenwell Montagu after withdrawals from particular markets. The cuts leave Shearson with 1,200 employees in this country.

M Gelardin said many of the affected employees were in administrative jobs made unnecessary by the merger of the firm's five City offices into one this year. "That created a *lot of overlap in some jobs,"* he said. The redundancies had also been created by "dramatic changes in financial markets since deregulation and our rapid growth."

Shearson's London operations include equity research and market-making after its purchase of L Messel & Co, the stockbroker, last year. It also operates in corporate *finance, commodities dealing,* asset management, government bond markets and Euromarkets. M Gelardin said he planned to build up the investment banking and equity research teams.

The decision to cut the number of equities in which Shearson makes markets from 400 to 200 was prompted a lack of business in many stocks. "We saw no value in *making markets in stocks where there is only irregular* activity," he said. Shearson *will* continue to deal in leading stocks, including those in the FT-SE 100 index.

The cutbacks have been expected and there is speculation that other US firms which joined the City with heavy recruitment drives may follow suit.

Simon contracts to £9.4m

By Carol Ferguson

Simon Engineering's first half produced a dismal pretax profit of £9.4 million, down 6.5 per cent on last year.

Mr Roy Roberts, the chairman, said that he did not expect any improvement in the underlying performance *for the remainder* of the year, and that there would be a similar proportionate fall for the full year.

A higher tax charge caused earnings per share to slump 17 per cent to 8.6p, and the dividend was maintained at 2.7p net.

Mr Roberts said both parts of the engineering contracting division had been going through a difficult period.

"The market on the process plant contracting side was *thin, and new projects* were taking much longer and needed considerably more effort to convert into firm orders," he said.

The mechanical and electrical engineering contracting side of the business started 1987 with a low level of order intake and activity. "By mid*year,* both orders and contract execution had recovered to higher levels than ever before, *but the recovery came too late* to have a significant on this year's figures."

Lower cash balances halved interest income to £908,000, while currency translation adversely affected the reported result by £250,000.

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Dalgety at record £92.5m

By Alexandra Jackson

A *restructured* Dalgety reported record results for the year to end June, with pretax profits up from £75 million to £92.5 million, in spite of £2.5 million of adverse currency effects.

Earnings per share, at 27.8p, however, were still below the 1984-85 peak of 29.7p.

A final dividend of 8p was declared, making a total of 14p for the year.

Since the end of June 1986, Dalgety has received £194 *million from divestments, £45* million more than book value, and has made acquisitions costing £105 million. Gearing is 44 per cent, taking into account deals struck since the year-end when the net debt to equity ratio was 66 per cent.

Mr Terry Pryce, the chief executive, said the bad harvest in Britain and continental Europe would lead to grain imports. Part of the cost of this *would be absorbed by millers* and bakers, but part would be passed on to consumers.

He estimated that 3p-4p, between 7 per cent and 10 per cent, could be added to the average price of a standard white loaf by next month.

Profits from food, the largest part of the group, increased from £43.9 million to £58 million. Dalgety hopes to build up this part of the *business from its present* 42 per cent of trading profits to about 60 per cent.

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Trafalgar has 5% share in Costain

By Our City Staff

Weeks of speculation about a mystery buyer of shares in Costain Group, the construction, property and mining company, ended yesterday when Trafalgar House was tracked down as the owner of 8.25 million shares, 4.94 per cent of the equity.

In a statement jointly prepared by both companies, Trafalgar House claimed its holding was a trade investment and it "had no present intention of making an offer for Costain."

In the event of a bid, however, it may be hard for Costain to put up a strong defence, as its current year *profits are thought unlikely to* match last year's £64 million.

This is due to lower profits from international contracting, a very profitable activity

Now the bulk of Costain's profits comes from newer activities, mining, housing and property.

Trafalgar House is well known for taking strategic share holdings of this nature, but there is clear synergy between the two businesses. Trafalgar House has well-*established construction,* property and energy-related activities.

Costain shares firmed 14p yesterday to 360p.

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BOTB in £600,000 drive to publicize exchange-rate advantages

Firms told to join export boom

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

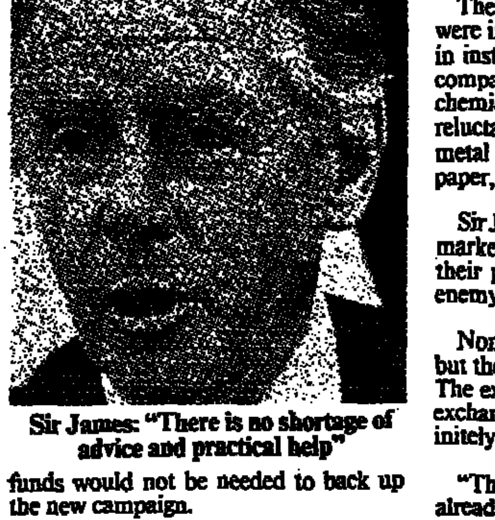
The British Overseas Trade Board yesterday announced a £600,000 advertising campaign — its most expensive to date — to convince tens of thousands of companies that they are missing out on the export boom.

Sir James *Cleminson,* the BOTB chairman, said the campaign, aimed at *companies* with turnovers of between £1m and £10m, was designed to persuade firms to take advantage of Britain's currently favourable *position* created by the sterling exchange rate.

The campaign follows a recent report showing that more than £5 billion of sales in overseas *markets* are being missed by British firms, because they are overestimating the difficulties of exporting or because they do not appreciate the potential profits that consistent exporting can produce.

The campaign marks a shift in emphasis, away from the BOTB advertising itself and its services and towards a more general *promotion* of exporting. The BOTB has a budget from the Government of about £50 million a year, and Sir James said a big increase in funds would not be needed to back up the new campaign.

Ros Drinkwater



Sir James: "There is no shortage of advice and practical help"

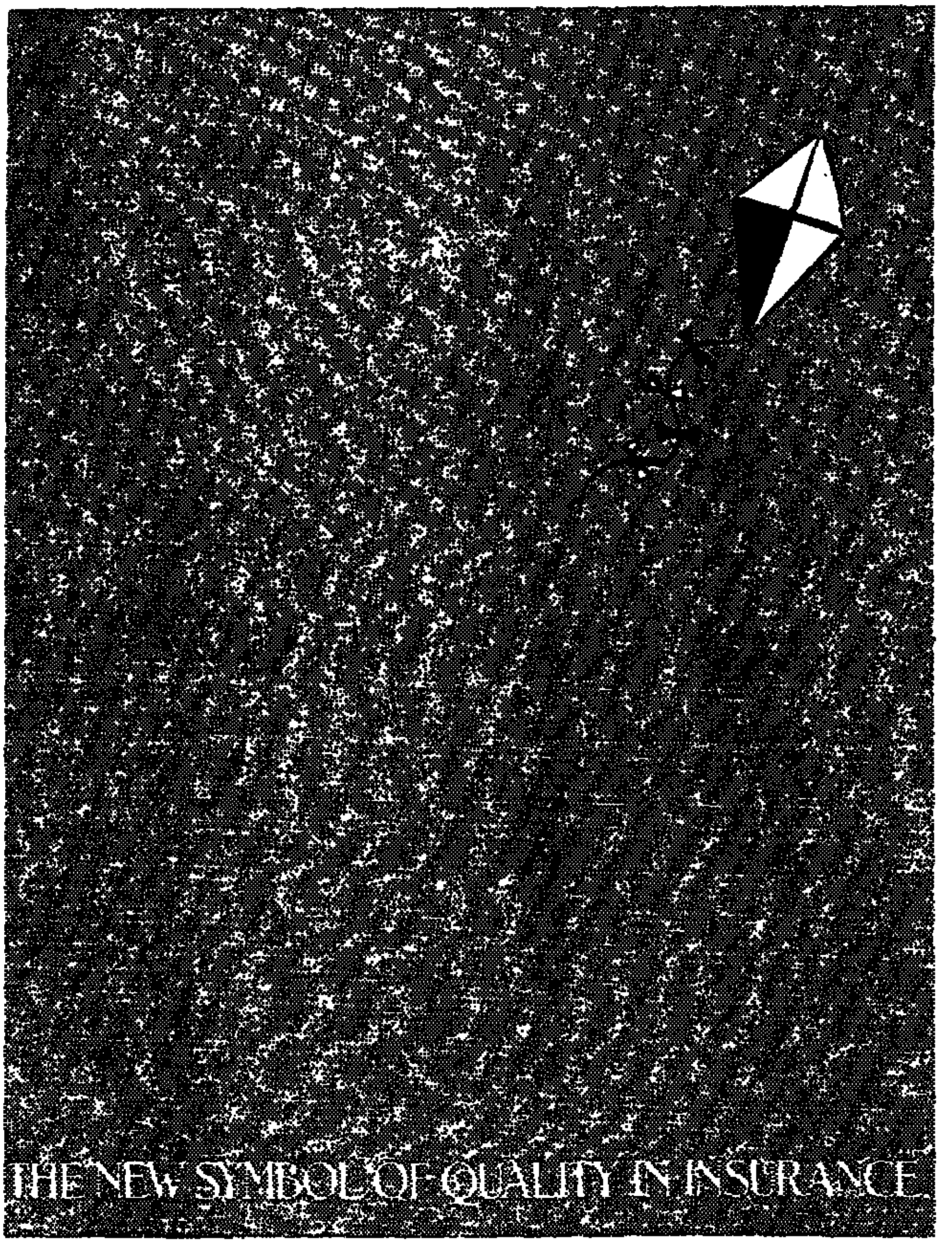
At the centre of the BOTB's target are 3,769 so-called "passive exporters", identified in the report as potentially missing out on exports worth £5,186 million a year. These are firms, mostly small employers, who identify the occasional export order but do little in terms of consistent exporting.

The report said 724 passive exporters were in mechanical engineering and 474 in instrument, electrical and electronics companies, with a further 253 in chemicals and 330 in textiles. Other reluctant exporters are to be found in metal goods, clothing and footwear, and paper, printing and publishing sectors.

Sir James said: "*Britain is now a world* market, and UK companies should take their products into the backyard of the enemy."

Non-oil exports were 12 per cent up, but there was no room for complacency. The export boom, fuelled by favourable exchange rates, would not last indefinitely.

"Thousands of smaller firms are already showing what can be done, and through this campaign we want many more to think 'export'. There is no shortage of advice and practical help — much of it there for the asking at the banks, local chambers of commerce and trade associations, and the BOTB."



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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Brent Chemicals lifts interims to £4.5m

Brent Chemicals, a leading British-based specialty chemical group, raised its pretax profits in the six months to end-June by 40 per cent to £4.5 million. Sales in the same period were 29 per cent higher at £36.1 million. Growth was led by the group's international aerospace, printed-circuit board and packaging operations, the company said.

The companies acquired late last year and early this year had performed well, a spokesman for Brent Chemicals said. Earnings per share were 20 per cent higher. Financially, Brent Chemicals remains strong with no net borrowings at the end of the half year. The interim dividend was raised 15 per cent to 1.1p. The company expects to continue to achieve above average growth both organically and through acquisitions.

EIS up 26.9% at half year

The high technology engineering specialist EIS Group lifted profits by 26.9 per cent from £3.2 million to £4.1 million in the first half of 1987.

The interim dividend is being raised from 2p to 2.2p a share.

All three main divisions are trading ahead of last year.

Profits jump 27% in Japan

A Japanese Finance Ministry survey on Japan's business activities in the April-June quarter confirmed yesterday that the economy was recovering. Combined ordinary profits of major industries rose 27.9 per cent from a year earlier, the largest gain since the last quarter of 1983. Profits rose 9.9 per cent in the January-March quarter.

£32m Unigate sales

Unigate, the dairies, food and transport group, yesterday announced it had sold its five engineering subsidiaries for a net £32 million. There are five separate buyers, including a management buyout for Allbrook & Hashfield, part of Giltspur Precision Industries.

In May, Unigate said that its engineering businesses were for sale following a decision to concentrate expansion on food manufacture and distribution and transport services. Since then, the company has undertaken a £55 million project to build an integrated chicken complex in South Humberside. It has also bought 15 Texan restaurants and two exhibition service companies in Britain. Unigate said that its programme of acquisition would continue.

Suter profits leap to £12m

Pretax profits from Suter, the engineering and packaging group headed by Mr David Abell, right, rose 74 per cent to £12 million in the half-year to end-June. The trading advance was 48 per cent. The rise in corporate activities' profits from £2.1 million to £5.2 million was attributed to increased property profits and the disposal of two share stakes.

EEF pension scheme

The Engineering Employers' Federation launched the Engineering Industry Pension Scheme yesterday. The plan will be available from April 6 next year to more than 500,000 people in engineering companies which do not operate their own occupational pension schemes.

The scheme has been developed and will be administered by Friends' Provident. It is a money-purchase scheme under which employees will have the option to contract out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme. All contributions will be invested in with-profit accounts.

STOCK MARKET

Heinz chief poised to buy £10m stake in Keep Trust

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Mr Tony O'Reilly, former Irish rugby international and head of HJ Heinz, one of the world's biggest food groups, is set to win control of Keep Trust, the motor dealer and general engineer.

Shares of Keep Trust were suspended at the end of last month at 550p, valuing the entire group at more than £35 million pending an announcment.

Whispers last night from Dublin, where Mr O'Reilly has already established himself as a "sizeable" player on the stock market, indicated he was poised to invest about £10 million in Keep Trust and become its chairman. It now looks as though Keep Trust will emerge as Mr O'Reilly's main British investment vehicle.

Mr Greville Howard has been the driving force behind Keep Trust in recent years, turning it round from a loss of £441,000 to a profit of £2.7 million last year. Keep Trust shares are due to return from suspension this week.

Mr O'Reilly was not available for comment at his Pennsylvania office last night.

The rest of the equity market made a confident start to the new account, helped by another welter of bullish trading statements and the confident Wall Street stance on last week's dismal trade figures.

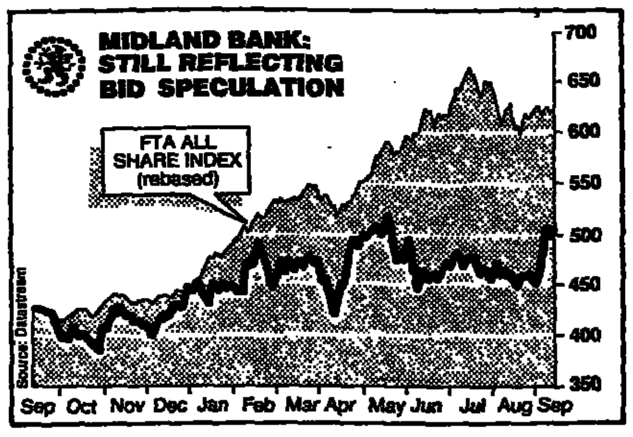
But prices closed below their best levels with the FT 30-share index finishing 11.6 up at 1,775.4, after being 14.3 up. The FT-SE 100 index firmed 10.6 to close at 2,271.8.

Government securities finished with losses stretching to £¼ at the longer end in thin trade.

Western Motor, the car dealer and transporter, jumped 17p to 475p on persistent buying as investors sensed that expansion moves were on the way.

Mr Bruce McNeill and Mr Richard Palmer, who have revitalized the company since taking control in March, are widely expected to announce acquisitions to take the group into contract hire, leasing, servicing and car parks.

The expanding nature of Western's activities is also liable to be emphasized when the formation of a specialist property division is announced shortly. Both its Autocar and Penta associates have substantial freehold property interests, capable of development.



Interest in **Midland Bank** increased even more yesterday after the weekend revelation that Sir Kit McMahon, chairman of the bank, had rejected a proposed £3 billion takeover by Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency.

● Jaguar, the car manufacturer, was a firm market yesterday, climbing 11p to 557p as a party of US brokers arrived in town. They will be visiting Jaguar's Coventry plant tomorrow, hoping for some good news about the new XJ40. The Americans remain big fans of Jaguar.

Coming hard on the heels of news that Hanson Trust had built up a near 6 per cent stake in the beleagured bank and was looking to increase it, possibly to 15 per cent, the surprise news of Saatchi's interest had buyers chasing the shares higher still.

The close was 14p higher at 508p, after 512p, following a turnover of nearly 5 million shares.

Midland's share price has risen sharply since it signalled its vulnerability to a takeover bid when it announced a £1 billion fund-raising operation in July in order to raise provisions against its £4.2 billion exposure to Third World debts.

The rump of Midland's £700 million rights issue — about 17.5 million shares — was placed in the market by Cazenove, the stockbroker to the issue, just over a week ago.

Dealers were somewhat sceptical about Saatchi's sudden interest in Midland and suggested that the company would not gain Bank of England approval for a takeover.

Unigate, the foods group, was again the subject of speculation that a European stakebuilding exercise was under way. The price jumped 8p to 370p as 3 million shares changed hands.

Nestlé, the Swiss food manufacturer, is said to have been stalking the shares over the past few months as a prelude to a full bid. Speculation recently intensified after the surprise announcement that Mr Daniel Hodson, Unigate's finance director, had resigned, interpreted by speculators as a sign that a deal is on the way.

However, Nestlé is not the only company reported to be interested in Unigate. **Hillsdown**, the acquisitive food group, is known to have investigated the possibility of a bid for Unigate before and could easily be jolted into action again, particularly if Nestlé is first out of the traps.

Tate & Lyle, the "Mr Cube" sugar producer, soared to 876p at one stage before closing 22p better at 868p. Hoare Govett, the broker, was said to be a large buyer of the stock.

The rise refuelled speculation that Tate might be near to a deal over its 15 per cent stake in the bid-prone **S&W Berisford**, owner of British Sugar. Tate bought its 28 million shares at an average 260p and stands to make a handsome profit if it does decide to sell.

Mr Garry Weston's **Associated British Foods** group has been widely tipped to be the buyer of the Tate stake and will use it as a launch pad for a bid for S&W, which closed unaltered at 350p. AB Foods finished 1p dearer at 362p.

Sentiment in stores was affected by the disappointing August retail sales figures, showing a slowdown in consumer spending.

Storehouse, the British Home Stores, Habitat Mothercare and Richard shops group headed by Sir Terence Conran, remained strong on talk that the long-awaited bid from Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh property group is imminent.

Following another good turnover of about 4 million shares, Storehouse touched 385p before closing at 380p. Dealers seem convinced that Mr Clegg will announce bid terms of 450p a share any day now then break up the company.

Glaxo remained a firm market ahead of figures next month, finishing 33p higher at £17.17. Analysts are due to visit the group's American operations in November. In the meantime, dealers have disregarded the prospect of fierce competition from Eli Lilley's new anti-ulcer drug, Axid.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	209	Cadbury	1,436	L&G	1,032	Sainsbury	1,379
Alld-Lyons	560	Coats	343	Lloyds	834	Scot & N	139
Amstrad	547	CU	3,339	Lonrho	819	Sears	1,064
ASDA	2,417	Cons Gold	1,406	Lucas	607	Sedgwick	1,243
AB Foods	23	Cookson	576	M&S	959	Shell	981
Argyll	235	Courtaulds	297	MEPC	286	Smith & N	3,562
BAA	559	Dalgety	1,761	Metal Box	1,333	STC	2,094
BET	3,037	Dee	1,621	Midland	4,676	Stan Chart	780
BTR	2,483	Dixons	306	NatWest	683	Storehouse	4,707
BAT	3,047	ECC	1,721	Next	761	Sun Allnce	128
Barclays	897	Fisons	1,104	P&O	393	T & N	513
Bass	125	Gen Acc	164	Pearl	616	Tarmac	2,532
Beecham	2,726	GEC	3,899	Pearson	832	TSB	n.a
BICC	94	Glaxo	1,751	Pilkington	2,588	Tesco	551
Blue Circle	902	Globe	248	Plessey	3,055	Thorn EMI	921
BOC	343	Granada	636	Prudential	631	Trafalgar	1,777
Boots	2,232	Grand Met	774	Racal	2,879	THF	1,160
BPB	763	GUS 'A'	196	Rk Hovis	267	Ultramar	999
Br Aero	1,006	GRE	145	Rank	360	Unigate	2,950
Br Airways	1,973	GKN	682	R&C	79	Unilever	1,186
Br Comm	76	Guinness	3,263	Redland	891	United Bis	623
Br Gas	2,916	Hamm 'A'	178	Reed	712	United News	129
Br Petrol	2,224	Hanson	5,423	Reuters	835	Wellcome	1,646
BPCC	672	Hawker	593	RMC Gp	245	Whitbrd	1,083
Br Telecm	8,741	Hillsdown	174	RTZ	1,360	Willis Fab	609
Bricol	1,776	Ici	821	R-Royce	n.a	Woolworth	1,765
Bunzl	271	Jaguar	1,363	Rowntree	545		
Burmah	898	Lasmo	159	Royal Bank	508		
Burton	2,118	Ladbroke	884	Royal Ins	2,027	Equities' listings on page 27	
C&W	12,198	Land Sec	4,384	Saatchi	721		

WALL STREET

Dow loses early gain

New York (Reuter) — Share prices continued their advance of the past two sessions in early trading yesterday, with buying encouraged by a rising dollar and lower US Treasury rates, analysts said.

However, currency dealers were sceptical that the dollar's gains would last.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which gained about 16 points to 2,625 nearer the opening, was down 2.87 to 2,605.87 later in the morning when the transport indicator was up 1.98 to 1,034.51 and the utilities average down 0.83 to 199.07.

Advancing issues led declining shares by a margin of about two-to-one.

Early active issues included IBM, up ⅛ to 162¼; General Electric ahead ⅝ at 61⅞; and American Express up ¼ to 37½.

Digital Equipment gained 2⅛ to 192 and Cray Research was ahead 1⅜ at 96¼.

	Sep 11	Sep 10		Sep 11	Sep 10		Sep 11	Sep 10
AMR Cp	57½	57⅞	Firestone	45⅝	44¾	Pepsico	39¾	39¼
ASA	63½	65	Fst Chicago	29	28⅝	Pfizer	69¾	68⅜
Aetna Life	60⅝	60⅛	Fst Int Bncp	57½	58	Phelps Dod	50⅜	49⅝
Allied Signal	44	44¾	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10	Philip Mor	117	115
Allis Chlm	2⅝	2¾	FT Wachva	39⅝	38⅝	Philip Ptrl	16¾	16⅝
Alcoa	61½	59¼	Ford Motor	103⅝	103⅜	Polaroid	35	34⅜
Amax Inc	26½	27¼	GAF Cp	67⅜	67½	Primerica	46⅝	45
AMR Hess	34½	34¼	GTE Cp	41⅞	40⅝	Proct Gble	98¾	97⅜
Am Brands	52⅜	52¾	Gen Cp	106⅝	105½	Pub Svc E	24¾	24¼
Am Cynmd	51½	50½	Gn Dynam	68⅞	68	Raytheon	80	78⅜
Am Ele Pwr	27	26¾	Gen Electric	61½	60⅜	Rynlds Metl	53⅞	53¼
Amexs	37¼	36⅝	Gen Inst	46¾	46¼	Rockwell Int	25⅜	25¼
Am Home	89¾	89½	Gen Mills	56⅝	55½	Royal Dutch	130⅝	130¾
Am Motor	n.a	n.a	Gen Motors	86⅞	86	SFE Sopac	52½	51⅜
Am Stand	49⅜	49¼	Gen Pub Ut	28¼	28¼	Sara Lee	45	43¼
Am Teiph	32⅝	32¾	Genesco	5⅝	5⅝	Schlumb	46	45¼
Amoco Cp	79	79¼	Georgia Pac	45	43¼	Scott Pap	62⅝	61
Armco Steel	12⅝	12¾	Gillette	44½	43¾	Seagram	74¾	74
Asarco Inc	31⅜	30¾	Goodrich	62½	60¼	Sears Roeb	54	52½
Ashland Oil	67⅞	67½	Goodyear	71⅝	70⅝	Shell Trans	89¼	89¾
Atl Ricnfld	88¾	88½	Gould Inc	22⅜	22¼	Singer	47	46½
Avon Prod	35¾	35	Grace Co	66½	66¼	Smith Beck	58¾	58
Bk Boston	30¾	30¾	Grt Atl Pac	41⅝	39¾	Sony Cp	35⅛	34¾
Bank NY	42¾	42¼	Greyhnd	41⅛	41½	Sth Cal Edi	32	31¾
Bankamer	12	12	Gruman	27⅜	26¾	SW Bell	39½	38¾
Bkrs Tst NY	46⅝	45¼	Gulf & West	86⅝	85¾	Squibb	101½	99½
Baxter	27¾	26¾	Heinz	50	49	Sterl Drug	62⅝	61⅞
Beth Steel	18	17¾	Hercules	68⅜	68	Stevens JP	41	41
Boeing	50¾	50¾	Hewlett Pk	65½	65¾	Sun Comp	58½	59½
Borse Casc	81	80	Honeywell	84⅜	84½	TRW Inc	62½	61⅜
Borden	59⅜	57	IC Ind	33⅝	33¼	Teledyne	358½	355⅜
Bristl Meyr	50	48¾	ITT Cp	63½	62⅞	Tenneco	55½	54⅞
BP	72⅝	72	INCO	21⅝	21	Texaco	40⅝	40
Brunswick	29½	28⅜	Ing Rand Wr	40⅜	39⅝	Tex Eastn	35¼	35⅜
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	31	30⅝	Texas Inst	73⅞	71¼
Burl Nth	73	72¾	IBM	161⅛	157⅜	Tex Util	31¼	30⅝
CBS	208½	199	Int Paper	51⅜	49½	Textron	33⅜	33⅜
CMS Engy	16⅜	16½	Irving Bk	47⅜	47½	Travelers	44⅜	44⅛
CPC Int	55¼	54	Jhsn & Jhsn	96	94½	USG	43½	42⅝
CSX Cp	38⅝	38¼	K Mart	42½	41⅜	USX Cp	35⅝	35⅜
Cmpbell Sp	65	63¾	Kaisertech	20⅝	20	Unilever Plc	42¼	41⅝
Can Pacific	20⅝	20¼	Kerr McGee	43½	43⅜	Un Carbide	28½	28⅝
Caterpillar	69	67½	Kimbrly Clrk	58⅝	58⅜	Un Pac Cp	76⅜	75⅝
Centrl SW	31⅝	31⅝	Kraft	59⅞	57⅝	Unisys Co	44½	43¾
Champion	39⅝	38¾	Kroger	33¾	33¾	Utd Brands	39⅝	39¼
Chase Man	38⅝	38	LTV Cp	4⅜	4⅜	Utd Tech	55⅜	55
Chem NY	38⅜	38½	Litton	100⅝	100	Unocal	36½	36⅜
Chevron	54	54¼	Lockheed	55⅝	55⅝	Walter Jim	59¾	59⅜
Chrysler	43	42¾	Lucky Str	33	32¾	Warn Lamb	64¼	61½
Citicorp	59⅝	59⅝	Man H'nver	40¼	40¼	Wells Far	55	53⅝
Clark Eq	31¾	30	Manville	3¾	3½	Westg El	69½	67⅝
Coca Cola	49⅜	49	Mapco	54⅝	55	Weyerhsr	51½	50⅝
Colgate	49	47⅝	Marine Mid	76¾	75½	Whirlpool	38⅝	38
Columb Gas	51⅝	51½	Mt Marieta	53	52¾	Woolworth	49¼	49½
Cmb'tn Eng	42⅝	42	Masco	34⅜	35	Xerox Cp	78⅛	76⅝
Cmwlth Edi	32½	32¼	Mcdonalds	57⅝	56¾	Zenith	29¼	29⅛
Cons Edis	43⅜	43¼	McDonnell	75⅝	76½			
Consol Ng	42⅝	42⅝	Mead Cp	43½	42⅜			
Cont Data	34	34	Merck	211⅜	212⅜			
Corning Gl	70⅝	70½	Minsta Mng	79⅜	78¾	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	31⅜	30⅝	Mobil	46⅝	46¾			
Curtiss Wrt	65⅝	n.a	Monsanto	94⅜	90¾	Agnico Eag	38⅜	21¼
Data Gent	31	31	Morgan Jp	48⅜	47	Alcan Alum	45	44½
Deere Co	36¼	35⅞	Motorola	67½	66⅜	Algoma St	19¾	20
Delta Airl	54⅝	53⅝	NCR	82½	81½	Can Pacific	27	26⅝
Detroit Edi	15¼	15¼	NL Indstrs	9¾	9⅝	Cominco	22⅜	21⅝
Digital Eq	190⅝	189¼	Nat Distil	79⅜	75⅝	Con Bathrst	19½	19⅝
Disney	78⅜	75½	Nat Md Ent	27⅜	27⅜	Hawk S Can	29	19⅝
Dow Chem	101	100¼	Nat Semi	17⅝	17½	Hud Bay M	24½	23¾
Dresser Ind	32⅝	30½	Norfolk Sth	35	35	Imasco	35⅜	34⅜
Dupont	118⅜	116⅜	NW Bancrp	46⅝	46	Imperial Oil	35¼	71½
Duke Pwr	46	45⅜	Occid Pet	35⅜	35⅜	Int Pipe	52⅝	52½
East Kodak	101⅜	99⅜	Ogden Cp	40	40⅛	Royl Trstco	18⅜	18⅝
Eaton Cp	96	94	Olin Cp	54½	52¾	Seagram	98⅜	97⅜
Emerson El	40⅝	118⅜	PPG Ind	45¼	44¾	Shelco 'A'	26½	26⅝
Emery Air	10¼	10⅝	Pac Gas El	19½	19½	Thmsn N 'A'	31⅜	31⅜
Exxon	96⅝	95¼	Pan Am	4⅞	4⅜	Varity Cp	3.40	3.20
Farah Inc	13⅜	13⅜	Penney JC	58⅜	58⅜	WCT	17⅞	17⅜
Fedders	8⅝	8⅝	Pennzoil	67⅝	67½	Weston	41⅝	41⅜

TEMPUS

Fitter Dalgety holds promise

No self-respecting chief executive will admit to running his business like a game of grandmother's footsteps, looking over his shoulder to check on the progress of a predator, real or imagined.

But many of the decisions taken recently at Dalgety are exactly those which would have been implemented had the group fallen into the hands of a bidder. So Dalgety's policy of "grasping the nettle" has reduced a predator's scope to make a one-off gain.

The full benefits of recent actions have not yet flowed through, and several disposals and acquisitions were made after the year-end.

Not surprisingly, Dalgety strives for market leadership. More than half its capital employed is tied up with businesses with a number one position, 22 per cent serving number two slots.

Two-fifths of trading profits came from foods, the area chosen to spearhead future growth. Pet foods gained market share as television advertising spend doubled.

Golden Wonder, operating in a competitive market, made £8.1 million profit, in line with expectations.

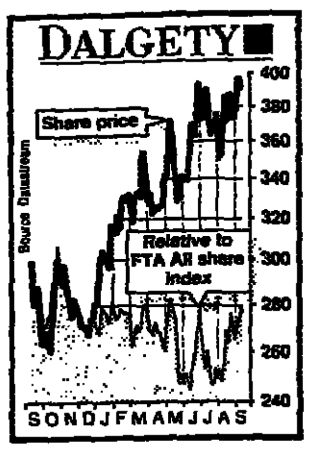
Profits at Martin-Brower, the US food distribution business, marked time in a competitive environment. Four warehouse openings were a contibutory factor.

The agribusiness accounts for 22 per cent of profits and is holding its own, despite less exciting growth prospects, especially in Britain.

Balfour Guthrie, the Canadian lumber company, has been sold on peak earnings.

Despite profits of £12 million, lower than last year, Dalgety is keen to keep Gill & Duffus for its significant cocoa processing business, despite the strain it puts on the group balance sheet.

Dalgety should comfortably make more than £100 million this year. The low rating shows the market has taken little account of the newly streamlined group. Until this changes, the high yield will provide adequate support.



Simon Eng

It is ironic that contracting, the division most instrumental in saving Simon Engineering from Valuedale's unwelcome bid last year, should now be the area dragging down the group's performance.

Simon's directors do not give any segment breakdown of profits. But if the manufacturing division improved by 17 per cent and the services division by 49 per cent, the performance of contracting must have been grim indeed to give an overall interim operating profit virtually unchanged at £8.5 million if the reduced depreciation charge is taken into account.

A direct consequence of the slump in contracting is that advance receipts are down 25 per cent, and receipts on existing contracts are no longer coming through.

Cash balances fell to £7 million during the first half, not helped by the payment of last year's final dividend, which was increased by 35 per cent in the battle against Valuedale, and net interest receivable halved to £908,000.

For the year as a whole, the group will be hard pressed to do much better than last year's pretax result of £28 million. But a higher tax charge — as overseas tax losses are running out — means that earnings per share are likely to fall, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of nearly 13 — quite high enough until there are more positive signs.

Success for Birch

The sheer pace of change at Ward White over the past three years has provided open season for sceptics who have questioned whether the chairman, Philip Birch, had the ability to absorb acquisitions at such a frantic rate.

But yesterday's interim figures demonstrate the pent-up energy released when businesses such as Halfords and Payless become part of a more responsive retail group. Profits before tax for the first six months were up by 97 per cent at £20.1 million with turnover increasing by 50 per cent from £242.8 million to £365 million.

The Payless do it yourself business powered ahead with sales and operating profits up by 25 per cent and 28 per cent respectively from 75 stores, with plans for two more by the end of the year.

Halfords, now run from 38 superstores and 333 high street shops, raised its profits by 135 per cent on sales 16 per cent higher. There still appears enormous scope for growth and latest plans include a fitting service for customers purchasing radios and children's car seats.

In the United States, the newly acquired Whitlock car parts business benefited from improved stock controls. The market remains potentially enormous and seems the most likely area for any future Ward White acquisitions. The only disappointment was at Owen Owen, the Liverpool-based chain of department stores, which suffered from a poor spring season.

The shares, which enjoyed broker recommendations ahead of the figures, succumbed to profit-taking and slipped 12p to 408p. But most analysts remained enthusiastic. The shares look certain for another run ahead of an analysts' visit to key Ward White locations in the US next week.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 1	September 18	December 3	December 14

Call options were taken out on: 14/9/87 Rothman 'B', Morris Wm, Fine Art, Barratt, BOMS, Abaco, Mersey Docks, Newage, Britannia Secs., Blacks Leisure, Turner & Newall, Greenwich Res., Stormgard, Moorgate Merc., Alpine Drinks, Spong, Charterhall, RTZ, Astra Holdings, North Kalgurli Mines, Singer & Fried, Hawtin.

Puts: LWT, Concorde, Copson F.

Puts & Calls: Rothmans 'B', Greenwich Res., Parkdale.

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* PRE-TAX PROFITS	UP 96% TO £6.35m
* EARNINGS PER SHARE	UP 89% TO 32.1p
* PRO-FORMA NET ASSETS PER SHARE on professional valuations	UP 61% TO 316.4p
* GROSS PROPERTY ASSETS	UP 55% TO £83.4m
* DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	NOW TOTALS £65m

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Nissan to build terminal for mass pre-delivery checks

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Nissan UK, the independently-owned car importer, has announced its involvement in a £2 million coastal supply terminal to be built just a few miles from the new Japanese car factory at Washington, Tyne & Wear.

The company said yesterday it would become the first of the big car distributors in the country to conduct mass pre-delivery inspection (PDI) of cars before their delivery to dealers.

The new 25-acre terminal is to be financed jointly by Nissan UK and the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority. The PDI facility, to be located at Tees Dock, will include offices and handling space for hundreds of cars.

Nissan said the project, which includes options to expand in the future, continued a 15-year link between the company and Teesside which had resulted in more than one million cars being imported to Britain.

Mr Michael Hunt, assistant managing director of Nissan UK, said the improvement of facilities at Teesside was part of a strategy of promoting faster expansion of the company's dealer development programme.

"It also releases land resources to us which are both scarce and expensive in the South of England. And we can count on efficiency of labour in the North-east where this development is sure to create extra jobs."

About 60,000 cars a year will be prepared at the new terminal, a role usually reserved for individual car dealers. The work includes dewaxing and valeting as well as checks on brakes, tyres, lubricants and tuning. A Nissan spokesman said: "We think it is better to do this work at source because it speeds up the supply of cars."

The new terminal will also handle exports of cars from the Washington factory of Japanese-owned Nissan Motor Manufacturing UK which is just 25 miles away.

This plant is expected to produce more than 40,000 Bluebirds next year and by the end of this year is hoping to raise the local content of its cars to 60 per cent, thus qualifying as a European manufacturer.

Nissan in Japan has been negotiating to acquire the British distributorship of its cars, owned by Mr Octav Botnar, the millionaire businessman, but agreement has not yet been reached.

The Washington cars are regarded as imports and counted against the voluntary 11 per cent maximum market share agreed by the Japanese motor industry.

The new terminal will provide a storage base for imported parts for the factory as well as a dock for exporting British-made Nissans to continental Europe.

Octav Botnar: first with mass pre-delivery inspection

Car makers hit at Tokyo deal

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The Japanese threat to Europe's car and truck makers has divided the industry, with half calling for greater restrictions on imports and the rest welcoming them by signing collaboration deals.

Last week's Frankfurt motor show has set off calls by leading car makers to curb Japanese imports only hours after Mercedes announced a joint venture to design a range of vans with Mitsubishi.

M Jacques Calvert, the president of Peugeot Citroën, called on West Germany, the only big EEC market without import restrictions on Japanese cars, to impose limits. He said the West German car makers should insist their government introduce a quota for Japanese cars until European exports to Japan increase.

Dr Carl Hahn, the chairman of Volkswagen, underlining the likely threat to the West German industry from Japan, said: "We are all aware of the saturation of the car market in America which will have a surplus of car production, so we would like to warn against Europe being used as a dump for these surplus cars."

West Germany, with its free-trade policy, has been a target for the Japanese car makers, who increased their market share to 15 per cent last year, compared with 11 per cent overall of the 11 million European new-car market.

M Calvert said: "Europe can destroy itself with its incapacity to act but also with the selfishness and egoism of some government's or manufacturer's decision to hope for survival by handing over its fate to non-European competition instead of co-operating within Europe. And what would be left of Europe without a car industry?"

Mercedes was quickly attacked by Iveco, Europe's second-biggest truck maker, for doing exactly what the Peugeot Citroën chief had given a warning against. Mercedes already builds a light Japanese van under licence in Spain for export to some European markets and it said the agreement would be extended to include developing a range of vans. Mitsubishi will also market Mercedes trucks in Japan.

Merivale profits soar to £6.35m

By Carol Ferguson

Pretax profits at Merivale Moore, the property investment and development company, nearly doubled in the year to June 30, rising by 96 per cent to £6.35 million.

Municipal Properties, acquired in May, contributed 32 per cent of pretax profits and boosted net assets per share to 316.4p at market value, but excluding full tax provisions.

The shares jumped 25p to 435p on the news.

Mr Grenville Dean, the chairman, was confident of maintaining the momentum of the last year "subject to reasonable market conditions prevailing".

He said a prime area of growth within the company was in commercial property development, including the building of offices, shops and industrial units, the end product generally being sold after letting.

"The company's policy remains the pursuit of all-round business in the property sector but shunning (so far) major shopping and office developments."

He said the residential propery market remained strong, and the company had some 210 residential units either under construction or on the drawing board with an aggregate sales value of £31 million.

Merivale also owns 550 tenanted residential properties worth £35 million at vacant possession prices. "The difference between the vacant possession and current market value of this portfolio exceeds £13 million, or 92p a share," Mr Dean added.

Stakis buys stockbroker

By Alison Eadie

Stakis, the hotels group, is buying the London stockbroker Robert Wigram for a maximum of £4.7 million.

A Stakis spokesman said that Wigram's wide client base would complement Stakis's existing financial service activities of Mannis and Plan Invest.

Stakis believes Wigram will help to provide improved facilities for an integrated service to its clients and give scope to develop the client base.

The purchase is being made by the issue of 3.7 million new Stakis shares.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Electricity sell-off in a different light

The debate on privatizing the electricity supply industry had, until last week, been dominated by the Central Electricity Generating Board's determined lobbying to be kept, unbroken, as the monopoly generator of electricity, and to retain control of the national grid. Mounting public dissatisfaction with the performance of British Telecom, brought into sharp political focus by the retirement of the BT chairman, Sir George Jefferson, has changed that. For good or ill, in large part or small, the package investors will be offered when electricity is privatized in the second half of this Parliament will be different.

The logic of turning a public monopoly into a private one is questionable but carried little weight against the Treasury in the BT case, and stood not an earthly against the Treasury and Sir Denis Rooke when British Gas was prepared for sale. But the grim perception of the Telecom monolith has given the advocates of competition fresh heart. And fear among Tory ministers that BT is giving privatization a bad name will add strength to their arm.

The issue will be a severe test for Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, whose hope of further preferment will depend on his ultimate responses to powerful industrial as well as political interests. In deciding the shape of the privatized industry and the timing of the sale, he has in his hands the future of British Coal, the path of nuclear power generation in Britain and the fate of companies (and jobs) engaged in the supply of power plant.

Lord Marshall of Goring, the CEGB chairman, is adamant that only by operating a fully integrated system of coal, oil, nuclear and emergency hydro stations can a generator guarantee supplies. A generating company concentrating on one type of fuel would inevitably be a hostage to market forces in the oil and coal markets; it would not have the flexibility to play one off against the other.

Although it has not said so publicly, the CEGB belief is that no private capital would be attracted to any nuclear power project. Public reservations about nuclear power would be reflected in shareholders' attitudes; but, more to the point, commercial returns would not look as attractive as yields from conventional stations.

Reactor manufacturers might build and operate a nuclear plant themselves, but they would also need the co-operation of the generating equipment makers. Few of them are in a financial position to build equipment and boiler plant for their own use and to hope for the size of return that the CEGB now enjoys (just under 10 per cent on a historic cost basis).

For the power manufacturers, especially NEI and Babcock but also GEC, any delay caused by privatization is bad news. They need the CEGB to place orders for the two large coal power stations (West Burton and Fawley) soon. Coal-fired stations are better for job creation and they have the advantage of potential longevity. When furnace equipment needs replacing it can be done to take advantage of the latest developments, and boiler and generating equipment can subsequently be replaced...

Groups such as Taylor Woodrow have looked at the possibility of building new small coal-fired plant or of buying redundant CEGB plant and refurbishing. Provided that they can get coal from South Africa, Australia or Colombia at present prices — at least a third less than the cheapest British coal on offer — such schemes could be profitable. Moving back to smaller power stations, burning either coal or oil (or both with additional investment) would sustain more jobs in engineering and provide power at cost comparable with CEGB costs (probably less if political opposition to South African coal can be overcome).

The CEGB would argue with this. Lord Marshall points to Eléctricité de France as a shining (potentially glowing?) example of the advantages that cheap nuclear power can bring. French industry undoubtedly benefits from cheap power, but France has a national integrated energy policy for which it is prepared to pay. E de F is saddled with a debt equal to that of many Third World countries, which the government is prepared to carry. In contrast the British electricity supply industry has been a substantial revenue earner.

To keep the CEGB intact would require that it keep control of the national grid which gives it scope to run power stations in a way that suits the CEGB: for example power from nuclear to provide the base load, from coal to meet bulk demand, and oil and hydro to meet the surges.

Some retail area board chairmen are concerned about the CEGB's lobbying to retain control of the grid. They argue that the power they will be supplied may not necessarily come from the most efficient stations, and that their customers should have the right to power from the cheapest possible source.

As yet the only reasonable suggestion put forward regarding the grid is that it should be set up as a separate entity on a non-profitmaking basis, with shares held by the area boards rather than the generators. It does have the backing of right-wing Tory backbenchers: in view of their "told you so" attitude over BT, it must have a chance of serious consideration.

IFC raises investment to $1.88bn

By Colin Narbrough

International Finance Corporation, the World Bank affiliate that promotes private investment in developing countries, increased disbursed investments by 6.2 per cent in the year ending June 30 to $1.88 billion (£1.15 billion).

But a less favourable than expected international economic climate meant that disbursement fell short of the rate anticipated at the start of the five-year programme which runs to 1989, partly due to several fixed-rate loans being cancelled when interest rates fell.

In its annual report, published today, the IFC board confirmed the programme's main outlines aimed at achieving new investments of $6.5 billion, including loans syndicated to banks, and $4.4 billion for IFC's own account.

Adjustments have been made to the programme to emphasize capital market initiatives, intensified restructuring, and maintaining the number of assistance projects to sub-Saharan Africa.

The IFC aims to expand investments while strengthening its own finances.

Ninety-two investments were approved by the board in fiscal 1987, compared with 85 the previous year.

Poehl content with EEC money accord

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Herr Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank president, said he was satisfied with the weekend accord of European Community officials to strengthen the European Monetary System.

"The Bundesbank has used its negotiating leverage to the point that it can be satisfied with the result," he said. "Neither currency stability nor the autonomy of the Bundesbank are endangered through the accord."

EEC member states agreed at a weekend meeting in Denmark to step up co-ordination of their economic and monetary policies to strengthen control over exchange rates and fight currency speculators.

The measures include increased lending between central banks to finance intervention before parities reach permitted limits — so-called intramarginal intervention — and narrowing disparities between the economic performances of member states to stop exchange-rate tensions building up.

Herr Poehl said there had been a dispute among EEC members on whether intramarginal intervention should be voluntary or not. Quoting from a preparatory report for the Denmark meeting by central bank governors in Basle last week, Herr Poehl said: "The governors agreed that automatic short-term financing of intramarginal interventions should not be introduced."

However, if agreement on intramarginal intervention was reached, the central bank issuing the intervention currency would qualify under certain conditions for short-term financing.

With the help of securities repurchase agreements, the Bundesbank would be able to neutralize short-term monetary inflows, he said, and the creditor central bank could request payment if this appeared necessary.

Herr Poehl said the EEC member states' accord to increase economic and monetary co-ordination was an important pre-condition for the long-term success of the European Monetary System.

Stonehill rescue bid

By Cliff Feltham

Mr James Buchanan, the Guernsey businessman, is heading a consortium that is making a rescue bid for Stonehill Holdings, the troubled office furniture company.

The offer of 30p a share for at least 51 per cent of the company values the business at £1.68 million. The shares closed at 98p, reflecting hopes that the new management would revitalize the company which lost £2.2 million last year. Three of the five members of the founding Steinberg family are stepping down.

Ifincorp Earl, the merchant bank, is acting for the consortium. International Marketing and Distribution is underwriting a rights issue to raise £3.2 million for new working capital.

US expansion by Hanson

Hanson Industries, the US arm of Hanson Trust, said its SCM Chemicals subsidiary plans an $18 million (£11 million) expansion at its titanium dioxide plant in Ohio.Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson Industries, said the move was in response to "the growing US demand for titanium dioxide pigments and reaffirms SCM chemicals' commitment to the US market."

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Cardew's saving ways

The turnround in the fortunes of Blackbushe Airport, just across the Hampshire border from Camberley, is now almost complete. Bought by David Wickins' British Car Auctions — now part of Michael Ashcroft's fast-growing Hawley Group — primarily so that he could expand his nearby car and truck auction site, the tiny airfield has been saved from near extinction and is showing a profit on its turnover of almost £20,000 a week. With day-to-day management in the hands of former Royal Navy commander and ex-British Airways captain Philip Cardew, its fortunes have improved so much that it has ordered a new $3 million (£1.8 million) Cessna Citation executive jet. The plane, famed for its ability to make short take-offs and landings and its exceptionally quiet engine, is due for delivery in December. Its range will be significantly longer than the existing Blackbushe fleet of two second-hand Beechcraft Super King Airs and an Agusta 109 Mark II helicopter — the fastest wide-bodied helicopter in the world. As well as ferrying the executives of companies such as British Steel and Plessey round Britain and Europe, the airfield is used for pleasure trips — Prince Michael of Kent, a Blackbushe director, regularly flies both fixed wing and rotary craft there. "It has come a long way," says Cardew. "When we bought it, it had only one aircraft, painted like a Union Jack."

Mensa off the hook

British Telecom has forced Mensa, the society for the very bright and often very conceited, to drop the title Yellow Pages from a quick-reference section on appropriately coloured pages of its monthly magazine. The title apparently is the copyright of BT's own classified directories and Mensa was told that legal action would follow if such plagiarism did not cease. Perhaps fearing that it would be cast into a telephonic limbo — or otherwise be landed with hugely exaggerated *bills* — Mensa has, I hear, succumbed to the threat, but, in revenge, is asking its members to send in their own particular and far from praiseworthy stories about BT. Sir Clive Sinclair, of computer fame, who heads Mensa, ought perhaps to ask himself why BT, under new chairman and chief executive Iain Vallance, does not want to be confused with people whose IQ is 148 or above.

Free house

While the fraud squad is still knocking vainly on the door of Morgan Grenfell, I hear that Guinness itself has given the boys in blue, a — shall we say — warmer welcome. Fraud squad officers have been given free access to all Guinness staff, not least main board directors, and have, I hear, taken away a considerable number of internal files and documents. Even the company's non-executive directors have either agreed to be or have been interviewed by the fraud squad.

"It's a reminder that you haven't paid the second instalment yet"

Burnt Curry

Chastised by junior health minister Edwina Curry for using a Taiwanese computer system — "the Prime Minister would very much like to see you buy British" — John Gibbons, vice-chairman of the North Yorkshire family practitioner committee, replied that the committee had bought the system on the advice of the DHSS, Mrs Curry's own department, and, he politely told her: "We have to abide by department guide lines." A red-faced Mrs Curry did not reply. How wise.

The Swete after life

It is just as well that Hill Samuel has strength in depth in its corporate finance department. Last week's sudden and involuntary departure of Trevor Swete, head of the department, almost left an embarrassingly empty rostrum at yesterday's International Bar Association seminar at the Hilton Hotel in London. Swete had been due to deliver a speech on "The Effects on Capital Raising and Financing Acquisitions" as part of the Life After Big Bang session. Swete's life, however, suffered its own big bang when he and his deputy, Christopher Roshier, were sacked for allegedly trying to sell the department to another bank. Into the breach stepped brave Richard Ramsay, another director of corporate finance at Hill Samuel, who courageously agreed to read Swete's speech. What a pity that a Hill Samuel representative had not had prior benefit of one of yesterday's other sessions at the IBA conference — "Procedures for Settling Disputes".

● **Tom Wilmot, colourful chairman of licensed dealer Harvard Securities and often known as the king of the OTC — because of the number of over-the-counter stocks in which Harvard makes markets — has not lost his sense of humour despite the trauma of trying to have his firm accepted by the City establishment. He has, I hear, agreed to give £1,000 to support an amateur dramatics group near his South Bank office. Its name is OTC . . . the Operating Theatre Company.**

Carol Leonard

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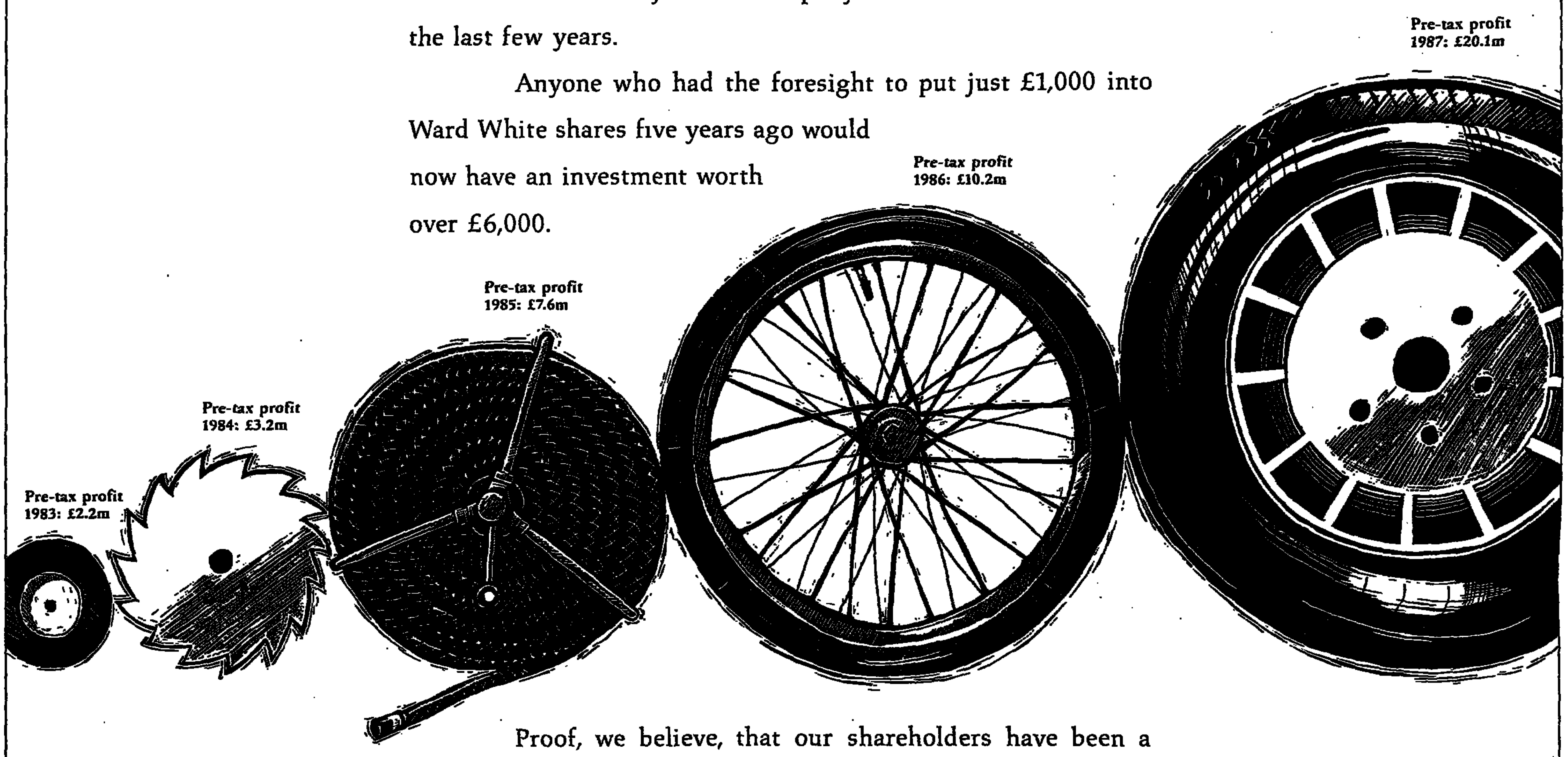
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Lowe pays $24.7m for US advertising agency

By Alison Eadie

The acquisition trail of British advertising agencies in the United States continued yesterday with the announcement by Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell that it is paying $24.75 million (£15.1 million) for Laurence, Charles, Free & Lawson, a New York advertising agency.

The acquisition will be financed by a £22 million conditional vendor placing with 100 per cent clawback for existing shareholders. A total 4.4 million new shares will be issued at 500p each. The extra £7 million will be used to cover the expenses of the acquisition and to finance future acquisitions.

On the look-out for further acquisitions: Frank Lowe

Mr Frank Lowe, the chairman of Lowe, said there was no danger of losing any American accounts through overlap with Lowe Marschalk Worldwide, the company's other American advertising presence. He added that the American clients were happy with the deal.

Laurence's clients include McDonald's, Clairol, General Mills and American Brands. Its pretax profits last year were $3.06 million, compared with $2.16 million the previous year, on revenue of $18 million against $13.7 million.

Lowe also announced record interim pretax profits of £4.75 million, a rise of 48 per cent. The dividend was raised by 26 per cent to 3.4p.

The profits growth was half organic and half due to acquisitions. Allen Brady & Marsh was bought in April last year and Good Relations, a public relations company, last September.

Mr Lowe said the new American agency, partnered by Allen Brady in Britain, would form part of Lowe's second network of agencies.

Laurence has its headquarters in New York, with offices in Detroit, Milwaukee and Indianapolis.

In addition to the $24.75 million purchase price, deferred payments may be payable depending on profits over the next five years.

Minimum profits this year have been warranted by the vendors to be $3.9 million.

Lowe shareholders can apply for any number of shares and will be allocated in full on a one-for-three-and-a-half basis.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*417)	390	30	48	60	8	12	16
	420	16	32	42	16	26	29
	460	5	19	27	47	52	55
British Airways (*195)	180	20	32	42	4	11	14
	190	14	—	—	7	—	—
	200	7	21	27	12	21	26
British Comm (*484)	460	42	55	70	8	18	23
	500	18	33	50	28	37	42
	550	4	15	28	68	73	75
British Gas (*171)	165	11	21	—	4	8	—
	180	3	12	19	13	16	19
	200	1	6	12	31	33	34
BP (*360)	330	37	52	62	5	10	16
	360	16	33	43	13	20	28
	390	5	19	28	33	39	46
Britoil (*314)	300	27	41	51	9	15	21
	330	10	24	33	22	27	32
	360	1	13	24	47	49	52
Cons Gold (*1520)	1350	190	260	295	25	55	80
	1400	145	235	255	37	75	95
	1450	110	210	250	60	95	125
Courtaulds (*487)	420	74	86	—	2	7	—
	460	42	59	74	9	18	24
	500	18	38	52	26	34	40
	550	5	21	24	64	68	72
Com Union (*374)	330	50	64	67	2	6	10
	360	22	42	47	7	14	19
	390	9	22	30	22	27	33
Cable & Wire (*439)	360	87	100	120	½	4	8
	390	58	78	95	3	12	17
	420	30	57	73	8	19	27
	460	13	33	53	30	40	50
GEC (*212)	200	18	28	37	3½	8	11
	220	6	17	25	12	17	23
	240	2	8	18	29	34	37
Grand Met (*540)	460	87	103	—	1	4	—
	500	52	68	80	5	12	18
	550	20	38	53	22	30	40
	600	4	20	30	62	65	70
ICI (*1540)	1400	160	205	—	4	17	—
	1450	115	165	188	10	23	45
	1500	77	130	155	22	43	63
	1550	45	102	125	43	63	83
Land Securities (*588)	500	91	105	122	2	8	12
	550	47	70	85	10	18	27
	600	17	38	55	30	40	48
Marks & Spen (*226)	220	17	25	31	6	12	13
	240	7	14	22	18	23	24
	260	3	8	14	36	37	39
Rolls Royce (*201)	185	20	26	31	2	8	9
	195	12½	20	24	5	9	12
	205	6	14	20	10	14	18
	215	3	10	—	17	22	—
Shell Trans (*1334)	1350	48	95	127	48	75	95
	1400	25	73	105	80	103	123
	1450	15	57	82	118	135	153
Trafalgar House (*374)	330	47	55	—	5	5	—
	360	23	33	45	8	15	18
	390	8	18	27	25	33	35
TSB (*146)	130	18	25	27	1½	2	4½
	140	8½	17	20	3	6	7
	150	4	11	13½	8	11	12
Woolworth (*344)	325	35	—	—	5	—	—
	330	—	42	60	—	20	25
	350	20	—	—	20	—	—
	375	13	25	—	37	45	—

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass (*969)	850	136	152	—	4	13	—
	900	90	113	138	8	23	30
	950	55	78	103	23	43	53
GKN (*381)	330	55	72	79	1½	6	14
	360	29	50	58	7	16	25
	390	13	32	41	20	31	39
	420	5	20	29	41	47	58
Jaguar (*557)	500	66	93	105	3	14	23
	550	28	58	75	15	35	45
	600	6	30	48	47	60	70

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*171)	140	33	43	50	1	7	11
	160	15	30	40	3	12	19
	180	3	19	30	18	20	28
Beecham (*554)	460	95	105	—	1	4	—
	500	55	72	87	1	10	17
	550	11	37	45	10	28	35
	600	1	16	33	49	55	61
Boots (*308)	280	29	38	49	1	6	10
	300	12	24	37	5	12	18
	330	1	12	20	24	31	33
BTR (*350)	300	53	64	74	1	3½	6
	330	24	38	51	1½	10	13
	360	4	21	33	13	20	24
Blue Circle (*450)	425	30	50	—	2	12	—
	450	13	37	—	12	23	—
	475	4	25	—	30	40	—
De Beers (*1550)	1100	470	490	—	—	10	—
	1200	375	390	—	5	40	—
	1300	275	300	—	10	60	—
	1400	195	230	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*364)	321	45	—	—	1	—	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Dixons conv	330	—	50	60	—	6	10
	360	—	30	40	—	20	22
Glaxo (*1714)	1650	80	145	210	11	60	75
	1700	38	115	180	27	75	95
	1750	16	95	150	60	105	115
	1800	7	75	130	100	130	145
Hanson (*186)	160	—	32	34	—	2	3
	165	22	—	—	½	—	—
	180	7½	15½	19½	1½	6	9
	200	½	6	10	16½	17	19
Sears (*168)	140	28	33	36	1	2	4
	160	9	17	22	1	8	8
	180	1	7	15	15	17	20
Tesco (*186)	167	21	28	—	1	4	—
	183	7	20	27	4	12	15
	200	1	11	19	16	22	27
Thorn EMI (*680)	650	18	57	77	7	26	37
	700	2	25	55	45	57	67
	750	1	13	27	95	100	104
	800	1	6	18	145	145	147
THF (*251)	240	13	24	29	1	6	12
	260	3	14	21	11	17	23
	280	½	8	14	30	33	37

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*132)	130	12	17	21	7	13	15
	140	7	12	17	14	19	20
	160	2	6	—	29	32	—
Brit Aero (*490)	460	48	70	82	12	23	32
	500	28	50	62	32	42	50
	550	11	30	45	67	75	80
BAT Inds (*670)	550	132	150	—	2	4	—
	600	87	107	118	60	12	17
	650	50	73	85	20	27	35
	700	24	47	58	43	48	55
Brit Telecom (*263)	240	30	—	—	4	—	—
	260	15	28	38	10	19	23
	280	8	18	27	25	31	36
Cadbury Schwpps (*271)	240	39	47	53	3	7	8
	260	20	34	29	7	14	16
	280	11	23	31	17	20	25
Guinness (*374)	330	50	62	68	6	8	10
	360	26	40	50	12	20	20
	390	12	27	37	25	33	35
Ladbroke (*454)	403	57	—	—	5	—	—
	443	28	—	—	17	—	—
	460	28	34	45	25	30	38
LASMO (*372)	300	78	92	102	2	9	13
	330	54	70	63	8	15	20
	360	34	49	63	18	23	28
Plessey (*195)	180	22	32	40	5	9	15
	200	12	20	29	14	19	25
	220	4	11	—	29	33	—
P & O (*685)	638	53	78	—	10	15	—
	688	27	53	—	30	37	—
	750	6	25	—	78	80	—
Prudential (*1005)	950	82	112	127	17	332	42
	1000	55	82	95	40	57	72
	1050	30	60	75	75	82	97
Racal (*298)	280	31	44	58	7	16	19
	300	20	34	47	15	24	29
	330	8	22	33	36	40	46
RTZ (*1345)	1200	165	220	255	18	48	75
	1250	140	195	230	38	63	95
	1300	110	175	215	60	80	125
	1350	90	160	—	80	115	—
Vaal Reef (*136)	130	15	19½	24½	6	10	13
	140	11	16	20	10	13½	17
	150	6	11½	15	16	19	21½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Barclays (*580)	500	98	117	135	7	10	15
	550	58	80	95	15	22	32
	600	28	50	62	40	47	55
Midland Bank (*508)	448	77	92	—	8	15	—
	485	45	70	—	15	23	—
	522	22	—	—	32	—	—

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*308)	255	57	61	—	1	2½	—
	273	35	44	—	1	4½	—
	300	10	26	38	4	11	20
	330	1½	10	22	23	29	34

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 11¾% 1991 *(£104)	102	61/32	1⅞	—	¼	13/16	—
	104	11/16	⅞	—	1⅜	1¾	—
	106	3/16	⅜	—	2⅜	3 3/16	—
	108	3/32	5/16	—	4 7/16	75/16	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£112)	110	3 9/16	4 5/16	5⅝	1⅛	2⅜	3
	112	2⅜	3 9/16	4¼	31/16	3¾	63/16
	114	1 5/16	2 9/16	3 7/16	59/16	4 5/16	79/16
	116	¾	31/16	—	4 7/16	5 7/32	—
	118	5/16	1¾	—	6	6⅝	—

	Series	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
FT-SE Index (*2272)	2150	124	145	170	—	4	15	27	—
	2200	82	108	133	160	10	30	40	52
	2250	23	77	100	126	27	48	60	72
	2300	23	53	75	102	55	73	83	95
	2350	9	33	55	—	92	108	115	—
	2400	3½	22	38	—	135	145	153	—
	2450	1	11	—	—	185	188	—	—
	2500	½	5	—	—	235	238	—	—

September 14 1987. Total contracts 44153. Calls 32270. Puts 11883. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls 1062. Puts 1196

SUTER

Half Year Report 1987

Full Year 1986		Half Year to 27.6.87*	Half Year to 28.6.86*	
£134.4m	Turnover	£73.8m	£64.5m	+ 14%
£14.9m	Pre-tax profit	£12.0m	£6.9m	+ 74%
12.3p	Earnings per share†	8.4p	6.1p	+ 38%
3.5p	Dividend per Ordinary share†	1.5p	1.16p	+ 29%

*Unaudited

†Adjusted for 1 for 5 capitalisation issue May 1987

The Chairman, Mr David Abell, reports:

★ Excellent first half year results

★ Mitchell Cotts, acquired in July, expected to make an increasingly useful contribution to Suter's continuing growth.

★ Encouraging outlook for the full year.

Suter p.l.c. The Priory, Market Place, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6LJ

A U.K. based industrial holding company with interests mainly in Engineering and Distribution

Myson lifts interim profits to £7.5m

Pretax profits at Myson Group, the heating and ventilation equipment maker, rose to £7.5 million in the half year to June 30 from £6.06 million last time. Trading profit was up to £8.06 million against £6.74 million last time. The profits were achieved on turnover down to £72.8 million from £75.5 million.

Myson is raising its interim dividend from 1.52p to 2p and earnings per share go up to 5.92p from 4.96p.

Demand for residential products has recovered in the third quarter to date and the second half is expected to benefit from new products and reduced radiator plant start-up costs. Orders and prospects in the industrial and engineering companies are encouraging.

IN BRIEF

● **HOBSON:** The company has acquired Northwood Metal Services (Birmingham) and Northwood Fabrications. The Northwood companies, based in Sutton Coldfield in the West Midlands, operate as stockholders and fabricators of aluminium sections. The initial price is £140,000 in cash. A further price, of up to £60,000 will be payable depending on pretax profits of the Northwood companies. Hobson has also acquired Images Club for £270,000 in cash.

● **GENERAL MINING UNION CORPORATION:** Interim dividend 90 cents (80 cents) for the six months to June 30. Pretax income R386.9 million (£115.4 million), against R281.6 million. Net income R299.6 million (R215.8 million). Earnings per share 311.0 (242.0).

● **TOWNGRADE SECURITIES:** Year to June 30. With figures in £000: Net rental income 349 (382). Pretax profit 128 (33). Exceptional debit 1,939 (nil). Tax 165 (53). Extraordinary debit 61 (50).

● **CDFC TRUST:** This investment company, established to specialize in development capital investment outside Britain and Europe, has applied for a stock exchange listing. It will be 51 per cent owned by Ensign Trust, whose shareholders are being offered rights to take up new ordinary shares and convertible loan stock. The rights offer will raise £47.4 million net and CDFC Trust will have an investment portfolio of about £112 million.

● **OPTICAL & MEDICAL:** The company is proposing to raise about £29 million, net, by a one-for-two rights issue at 210p per share, fully underwritten. It has also entered into a conditional contract with Unigate for the purchase of Gilspur Engineering Design for £14.31 million in cash.

● **SYSTEMS RELIABILITY:** Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 1.7p (1.7p). With figures in £000: Turnover 5,953 (6,801). Pretax profit 1,000 (1,803). Earnings per share 5.53p (10.76p).

● **ALLIED INSURANCE BROKERS:** Half-year to June 30. No interim dividend. The board intends to recommend a final of 4.0p (3.5p) for 1987. With figures in £000: Turnover 1,253 (835). Pretax profit 330 (275). Earnings per share 6.2p (5.3p).

● **PALMERSTON INVESTMENT TRUST:** Total dividend 10p (5p) for the year to March 31. Pretax profit £646,576 (£198,083). Earnings per share 57.1p (19.6p).

● **NEWEY GROUP:** Results for the 26 weeks to June 26. With figures in £000: Turnover 10,081 (8,998). Pretax profit 899 (538).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10½ Low 7
Week fixed: 9

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	9 21/32	2 mnth	9 19/32
3 mnth	9 13/16	3 mnth	9 21/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	9 9/16-9 7/16	2 mnth	9 11/16-9½
3 mnth	9 13/16-9¾	6 mnth	9 15/16-9 13/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 3/16	2 mnth	10 5/16
3 mnth	10 7/16	6 mnth	10 9/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9 close 10½

1 week	9¾-9 7/16	6 mnth	10⅝-10 5/16
1 mnth	9 11/16-9⅝	9 mnth	10 9/16-10 7/16
3 mnth	10 3/32-10 1/32	12 mth	10¾-10 9/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	9	7 days	9
1 mnth	9¾	3 mnth	10 1/16
6 mnth	10¼	12 mth	10½

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	10-9¾	2 mnth	10¼-9¾
3 mnth	10 5/16-10 1/16	6 mnth	10½-10¼
9 mnth	10¾-10½	12 mth	10 11/16-10 7/16

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	9⅝-9½	3 mnth	10 1/16-9 15/16
6 mnth	10 5/16-10 3/16	12 mth	10 7/16-10 5/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	7.40-7.35	3 mnth	7.40-7.35
6 mnth	7.80-7.75	12 mth	8.45-8.40

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	7⅛-6⅝
7 days	7 3/16-6 15/16	1 mnth	7⅜-7¼
3 mnth	7¾-7⅝	6 mnth	7 15/16-7 13/16
Deutschemark		call	4-3
7 days	3 13/16-3 11/16	1 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16
3 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16	6 mnth	4 7/16-4 5/16
French Franc		call	7½-6½
7 days	7 11/16-7 9/16	1 mnth	7⅝-7⅞
3 mnth	8¼-8⅛	6 mnth	8 13/16-8 11/16
Swiss Franc		call	1½-½
7 days	1⅝-⅞	1 mnth	3 11/16-3 9/16
3 mnth	3⅝-3½	6 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16
Yen		call	3⅜-2⅜
7 days	3⅝-3½	1 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16
3 mnth	4⅛-4⅛	6 mnth	4½-4⅜

BULLION

Gold:$456.00-456.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$454.75-457.75 (£277.75-279.75)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$469.00-474.00 (£286.50-289.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$107.25-108.25 (£65.50-66.25)
Platinum
$575.50 (£352.20)
Silver
$7.67-7.69 (£4.6850-4.7000)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987 Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Adscene Gp (110p)	106 +8
Alexander Walter	250
BAA (245p) (aa)	133 +1
Britannia Gp	168
Babygro	156 -2
Caradon (250p)	334 -1
Cauldon	35 +½
Cook (DC) (92p)	218 +18
Corporate Prop	83
Debenham Tewson	226 -2
Derwent Valley	710
Econ Forestry	116
Glamar Gp	240
Gudehouse	105 +5
Harland Simon	194 +1
Kentish Prop (185p)	249 +1
Kingsgrange (140p)	200 +1
Kingston Oil (100p)	120
Knobs Knockers	145 -3
Lancaster (165p)	206 +1
March Group	158 +2
Pickwick	223 +1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	201 +1
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	93
Shelton (Martin) (63p)	79 +2
UPL Gp	173 +13
USDC Inv	190 +2
Zetters Leis	161
RIGHTS ISSUES	
AAF Inv N/P	58 +5
BOM N/P	12
Blue Arrow N/P	¾ -¼
Bowater N/P	33
Br Vita N/P	51
Brookmount N/P	88 -5
Dewey Warren N/P	40 +1
Excalibur N/P	19 -2
Helene of Lon N/P	23
Robertson Res N/P	21 +6

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

APPOINTMENTS

Boddington director

The Boddington Group: Mr Denis Cassidy, deputy chairman of the Storehouse group, becomes non-executive director.

Catering Equipment Manufacturers Association: Mr **John Prior** becomes a director.

Taylor Woodrow Construction (Midlands): Mr **RP Boorer**, Mr **MJD Probert** and Mr **K Stables** join the board.

Citicorp Global Payment Products: Mr **Donald S Witchel** becomes regional sales director, Europe.

National Wholesale Training Council: Mr **Vivian Bingham** is to be chairman.

Ian Greer Associates: Mr **Andrew Stone** becomes a director.

Sherry & Haycock Group: Mr **Robin Haycock** becomes group managing director, succeeding Mr **Peter Haycock** who remains chairman. Mr **Christopher Haycock** becomes assistant group managing director. Mr **James Hall** becomes group sales director and Mr **Trevor Edgson** becomes financial director.

Mr Denis Cassidy, who joins the Boddington board

Birmid Qualcast: Mr **Charles Young** has been appointed managing director, Consumer Products division.

Aegis Insurance Brokers: **Sir Alan Traill** joins the board.

Copymore: Mr **Stephen Matthews** to be a non-executive chairman.

Ariston Domestic Appliances/Ariston Group Service: Mr **George Dorman** becomes chairman and chief executive.

Valor Heating: Mr **Michael Bridges** becomes director and general manager.

Hadrian Trustees: Mr **Peter Binns** is executive director designate.

Musicians Benevolent Fund: **Sir Ian Hunter** becomes chairman.

Henderson Administration: Mr **John Hughes** joins the board as director, information technology.

Aid for Australian housing

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, in tonight's Australian Budget, is expected to change tax rules, in order to ease the country's investment drought in rental housing.

It is believed he will reintroduce "negative gearing" whereby interest costs on rental property can be offset against income to reduce tax. But the present 4 per cent depreciation allowance for new residential construction will be reduced to 2.5 per cent.

Mr Keating believes such a trade off could not be interpreted properly as an about-face by the government.

The housing industry has been lobbying strenuously to restore negative gearing to stimulate construction. It maintains that rapidly rising rents — particularly in Sydney, the country's premier city — were directly caused by the government's decision in July 1985 to prohibit negative gearing.

However, the reduction of the depreciation allowance has angered the industry. It claims that commercial property is still more attractive to investors than residential property.

The restoration of negative gearing is the centrepiece of another surprise-free Budget that Mr Keating brings down tonight. Most of the hard decisions, including huge cuts in the main ministries, were detailed in the May Economic Statement.

Observers here believe that Mr Keating will deliver a deficit of less than Aus$1,000 million (£446 million) in this, his fifth Budget. He has promised that it will be "under Aus$2,000 million."

It had been expected that Mr Keating's Labour colleagues would defy party policy and initiate the "privatization" of Australia by selling the government's eight international airline terminals. This was budgeted to account for Aus$300 million. These, however, will be vested in another quango, the Federal Airports Corporation.

Ironically, the government is hoping that the financial markets will not respond too warmly to its planning; it wants the Australian dollar — which closed here yesterday at US73 cents — to stay below US75 cents.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 14	Market rates close September 14	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6340-1.6435	1.6340-1.6350	0.31-0.28prem	1.03-0.98prem
Montreal	2.1528-2.1684	2.1528-2.1557	0.15-0.05prem	0.42-0.29prem
Ams'dam	3.3458-3.3518	3.3472-3.3518	1⅜-1¼prem	4-3¾prem
Brussels	61.72-61.89	61.72-61.84	18-16prem	56-51prem
C'phgen	11.4601-11.4938	11.4601-11.4785	par-⅜dis	1¼-2⅛dis
Dublin	1.1123-1.1157	1.1130-1.11140	9-3prem	28-17prem
Frankfurt	2.9713-2.9787	2.9731-2.9773	1½-1¼prem	4½-4⅜prem
Lisbon	232.84-235.02	232.84-233.81	70-121dis	238-322dis
Madrid	199.10-199.86	199.10-199.39	126-144dis	235-288dis
Milan	2142.83-2150.93	2143.56-2148.14	7-10dis	17-19dis
Oslo	10.8963-10.9391	10.8963-10.9144	3½-4dis	9¾-10½dis
Paris	9.9213-9.9473	9.9235-9.9378	1¾-1¼prem	4⅝-3⅞prem
St'khlm	10.4633-10.5011	10.4633-10.4779	¾-¼prem	2-1⅝prem
Tokyo	236.11-236.82	236.37-236.78	1⅜-1⅛prem	3⅝-3¼prem
Vienna	20.82-20.95	20.90-20.93	9⅝-9 prem	29⅝-27¼ prem
Zurich	2.4629-2.4697	2.4658-2.4697	1½-1⅜prem	4-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 72.9 (day's range 72.9-73.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.9498-3.9670
Australia dollar	2.2481-2.2511
Bahrain dinar	0.6170-0.6210
Brazil cruzado*	79.9434-80.3782
Cyprus pound	0.7770-0.7870
Finland marka	7.2025-7.2425
Greece drachma	225.75-227.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.752-12.782
India rupee	21.19-21.39
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4595-0.4635
Malaysia dollar	4.1214-4.1257
Mexico peso	2470.0-2520.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6168-2.6228
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1375-6.1775
Singapore dollar	3.4214-3.4252
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4033-5.4975
S Africa rand (com)	3.3439-3.3529
U A E dirham	6.0100-6.0500

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4680-1.4690
Singapore	2.0920-2.0930
Malaysia	2.5200-2.5210
Australia	0.7270-0.7275
Canada	1.3196-1.3201
Sweden	6.4025-6.4075
Norway	6.6650-6.6700
Denmark	7.0125-7.0175
West Germany	1.8198-1.8205
Switzerland	1.5085-1.5095
Netherlands	2.0480-2.0490
France	6.0725-6.0775
Japan	144.65-144.75
Italy	1312.5-1313.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.78-37.83
Hong Kong	7.7987-7.7997
Portugal	143.10-143.50
Spain	121.90-122.00
Austria	12.79-12.81

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 87	89.76	89.84	89.76	89.83	1143
Dec 87	89.52	89.58	89.52	89.52	3158
Mar 88	89.66	89.70	89.66	89.69	515
Jun 88	89.65	89.66	89.65	89.68	118
Sep 88	89.54	89.55	89.53	89.52	58
Dec 88	89.52	89.53	89.52	89.52	14
Mar 89	89.50	89.50	89.50	89.49	10
Jun 89	NT	----	----	89.48	0
	Previous day's total open interest 17883				
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.47	92.50	92.47	92.50	1278
Dec 87	91.78	91.84	91.75	91.76	7080
Mar 88	91.38	91.42	91.34	91.34	1260
Jun 88	91.07	91.12	91.03	91.04	351
Sep 88	NT	----	----	90.82	0
Dec 88	NT	----	----	90.64	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	90.47	0
Jun 89	NT	----	----	90.31	0
	Previous day's total open interest 38120				
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	85-05	85-05	84-27	84-19	99
Dec 87	83-30	84-11	83-20	83-24	6507
Mar 88	NT	----	----	82-26	0
	Previous day's total open interest 8214				
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	114-18	114-22	114-04	114-04	432
Dec 87	114-19	114-24	113-31	114-02	18075
Mar 88	NT	----	----	114-05	0
Jun 88	NT	----	----	----	
	Previous day's total open interest 32053				
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	226.85	227.90	226.00	226.30	2193
Dec 87	231.00	232.10	230.80	230.80	540
	Previous day's total open interest 7166				
Japanese Government Bond					
Dec 87	100.40	100.70	100.40	100.70	508
Mar 88	NT	----	----	100.10	0
	Previous day's total open interest 749				

Rolls-Royce shareholders: your second payment is due by 23rd September 1987

If you have Rolls-Royce Shares, we'd like to remind you that the final instalment is due shortly. It must be received by 3pm on Wednesday 23rd September 1987, or you may lose your right to your Shares.

Please send your payment at once to the Receiving Bank specified in the Letter of Allocation and remember to enclose the whole Letter of Allocation with your payment.

If you acquired your Shares subsequent to the original offer you *must* make a declaration as to whether or not the Shares will be "foreign-held" by deleting one of the nationality declarations in Form Y on Page 4 of the Letter of Allocation.

If you have any queries, please contact the Receiving Bank specified in your Letter of Allocation as follows:

National Westminster Bank PLC,
New Issues Department, PO Box 79,
2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD.

Barclays Bank PLC, New Issues
Department, PO Box 123,
Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon
Street, London EC4A 4HD.

Midland Bank plc, Stock
Exchange Services Department,
Mariner House, Pepys Street,
London EC3N 4DA.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc,
PO Box 27, 34 Fettes Row,
Edinburgh EH3 6UT.

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If you have lost your Letter of Allocation, please telephone 01 260 0376 for advice.

If you have recently acquired Rolls-Royce Shares and have not received your Letter of Allocation, contact your financial adviser immediately.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	108.6	114.9●	+0.2	10.44
High Inc Equity	143.5	152.6	+0.8	3.51
Worldwide Bond	183.1	194.7●	-0.1	7.56
American Growth	181.2	192.7	+4.1	0.70
Asian Pacific	97.4	103.6	+0.2	1.34
Assets & Earns	189.6	201.6	+2.0	0.58
Capital Reserve	73.5	73.8	..	1.37
Comm & Energy	194.6	207.0	+0.9	..
European Capital	96.6	102.7	+0.3	0.75
General	188.1	200.1	+1.0	2.25
Japan	89.8	95.5	+0.9	..
UK Growth Inc	188.0	200.0	+1.2	1.06
Do Accum	274.3	291.8	+3.0	0.72
US Emerging Co's	60.3	64.1●	+0.9	0.00
Income & Growth	311.0	330.8	+2.3	2.28
MasterfstAcc	90.2	95.9	+0.7	1.73
American Inc	54.1	57.5●	+1.2	4.56
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Europe Growth Acc	135.2	144.0	+0.3	0.98
Exempt	480.3	483.1●	+4.7	3.33
Far Eastern	256.0	273.8●	+1.7	0.10
Fin & Prop	106.7	113.0●	+1.3	1.45
High Yield	87.2	92.4	+0.2	3.92
Income & Gth	358.5	377.8●	+2.3	3.41
Intl Earnings	236.2	250.2	+0.5	1.78
Intl Growth Inc	116.3	122.8c	+1.3	0.28
Japan Growth Acc	143.4	153.4	+0.6	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	152.5	163.1	+2.3	0.58
Preference Inc	124.8	132.2	-0.4	9.56
Small Co's Div Inc	105.7	112.0	+0.3	3.23
Small Co's Gth	397.9	421.5●	+5.0	1.02
Special Sits Inc	199.3	211.1	+1.8	0.65
UK Growth	474.0	502.1●	+4.0	2.21
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				
American	55.5	59.1	..	1.61
Australian	35.2	37.5●	..	0.10
Japan & General	154.1	164.0●	..	0.03
High Income	68.4	72.8●	..	4.23
International Trust	120.3	128.0	..	0.44
Income Gth Tst	78.3	83.4	..	3.63
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.1	23.6c	..	10.17
Global Markets	46.9	49.0	..	4.05
Special Situations	81.5	86.8	..	1.05
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Capital	96.9	102.5●	+1.1	2.20
European Gth Inc	80.1	84.7●	+0.2	1.09
Extra Income	111.6	118.0	+0.5	3.74
General	203.3	215.1	+1.2	2.23
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.3	54.0●	..	10.15
Income Trust	477.8	505.3●	+2.8	2.98
Intl Income	59.0	62.4	+0.2	3.86
Smlr Co Inc	51.0	53.9	+0.3	0.88

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	641.85		..	3.70
Fixed Int	138.5		..	10.25
Deposit	100.0		..	9.30
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	508.35		..	3.97
Accum	£16.0546		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.30
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	83.3	88.1	..	0.52
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	26.4	28.0	+0.1	0.00
Oregon Growth Fund	32.4	34.3	+0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	67.0	71.0●	+0.3	3.20
European Growth	32.9	34.8	..	0.30
General Equity	62.1	65.8●	+0.5	1.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.4	32.0●	+0.1	4.20
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.1	25.4●	..	9.00
Intl Inc Tst	26.8	28.5●	+0.3	4.40
Japan Growth	43.2	45.8	-0.1	0.00
Pedigree Gth	36.7	38.9	+0.2	1.60
Special Sits Tst	47.4	50.2	+0.8	1.00
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	66.3	70.6	+0.4	1.79
Do Accum	66.8	70.8	+0.4	1.79
Income Inc	67.4	71.8●	+0.4	2.48
Do Accum	68.3	72.7●	+0.4	2.48
Worldwide Inc	60.8	65.0	+0.8	0.94
Do Accum	60.9	65.1	+0.8	0.94
Gamma Fund Inc	48.8	51.7	+0.3	0.79
Do Accum	48.8	51.7	+0.3	0.79
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Euro Grth S Init	81.7	86.5	-1.0	0.78
Extra Income	258.2	273.3	-3.7	3.52
Financial	278.0	282.1	-1.7	1.38
Sth East Asia Grth	102.8	103.8	-1.5	0.76
Gt Br Cos	424.3	448.0	+1.3	1.67
Income & Growth	62.4	66.0●	+0.8	2.78
Japanese Growth	253.7	268.4●	+0.4	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	130.2	137.8	+2.8	0.78
Intl Recovery	188.2	200.3	+2.4	1.16
Smaller Co's	416.0	440.3●	+3.3	1.03
Global Inc Tst	70.7	74.8●	+0.3	4.89
Special Sits Acc	476.4	504.2	+2.7	1.26
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
American Trust	147.3	156.7	+1.9	0.64
Canadian Gth	23.6	25.1	+0.1	1.50
European Trust	141.9	151.0	+1.4	..

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94½	84½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	89½	90½	+1	3.2	3.6	38.0
166½	112½	TR Ind & Gen	149	150	●+½	3.0	2.0	59.8
194	96	TR Natural Res	96	98		2.8	2.9	43.6
143	97	TR North America	118	120		2.7	2.3	53.1
313	204	TR Pacific Basin	300	307	●+1	1.4	0.5	..
129	73	TR Property	120	122	+1	1.9	1.6	74.2
85½	59	TR Tech	85	86	+1½	1.3	1.5	72.5
149½	94	TR Trustees	149	150	●+½	3.0	2.0	62.3
268	165	Temple Bar	252	254	+1	8.9	3.5	36.9
584	325	Throgmorton	545	548	+6	13.2	2.4	58.1
530	275	Throg Dual	465	475				
216	165	Tribune	209	212		4.6	2.2	49.6
95½	85	Triplevest Inc	94½	96	+1	18.5	19.4	7.4
191	48	GT USDC	187	192	+2	1.8	0.9	
73	42	Value Inc Tst	63	65		1.7	2.7	88.9
100	43½	Viking Resources	85	88	●+1	2.7	3.1	54.0
138	62½	Westpool	124	129	+1	2.3	1.8	62.8
160½	119	Witan	153	154	+1½	2.7	1.8	73.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50⅛	18	American Express	22⅞	-	+⅛			
198	90	Argyle	155	160		2.7	1.7	47.3
84	29	Boustead	65	67	+2	0.1	0.2	
212	149	Britannia Arrow	196	198	●+3	7.5	3.8	17.3
44	18	Daily Mail	37	39		89.0	2.3	22.9
42	23	Do 'A'	34	36	-2	89.0	2.5	21.1
53½	10½	Eagle Trust	36	38½				
250	159	Electra	232	234	+1	4.0	1.7	43.8
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180		4.1	2.3	19.8
240	88	Exploration	235	245	●	3.4	1.4	26.0
13	780	Framlington	12½	12½	●	18.2	1.5	19.8
261	128	Frost Gp	253	258		7.9	3.1	24.8
323	183	GT Management	298	303	+5	6.9	2.3	15.6
270	173	Goode Durrant	232	237	-1	3.4	1.4	33.3
16⅛	963	Henderson Admin	15¾	16	●	34.3	2.1	19.9
289	189	ICH	267	272	+8	12.3	4.6	11.9
685	427	MAI	653	660	+1	26.7	4.1	13.9
595	308	MAM	585	595		6.9	1.2	21.8
405	255	M & G	377	380	+2	9.6	2.5	27.9
588	297	Mercantile House	537	545		5.8	1.1	18.8
271	148	Smith New Court	222	227	●+2	11.0	4.9	11.1
461	283	Tyndall Hldgs	427	437	●-2	6.9	1.6	26.9

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

On a very quiet and thinly traded Monday crude oils firmed a little on the perception that fundamentals were improving at least for sweet grades. After an initial dip the Merc too held steady to firm. Most Products recovered from initial weakness but despite fair forward activity, the sentiment remained uncertain.

Crude oils/assessed $/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.25	+10
15 day Oct:	18.30	+10
15 day Nov:	18.35	
WTI Oct:	19.50	+10
WTI Nov:	19.25	+10

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot CIF Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:		170-173	
Gasoil EEC:		158-159	
Non 1H Sep:	-1	153-154	-1
Non 1H Oct:	+1	155-156	
3.5 Fuel Oil:	-2	91-93	-2
Naphta:	+1	156-157	

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Oct	155.75-55.50
Nov	157.00-56.75
Dec	158.50-58.25
Jan	161.00-60.00
Feb	162.00-60.00
Mar	160.00-55.00
Apr	160.00-54.00
May	158.00-53.00
Jun	158.00-52.00
Vol:	2726

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Oct	97.00-99.5
Nov	98.7-101.0
Vol:	0

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Oct	133.6-33.4
Dec	140.4-40.0
Mar	150.0-49.8
May	154.2-54.0
Aug	158.6-58.0
Oct	163.0-62.6
Vol:	1554

COCOA

Sep	1175-60
Dec	1118-17
Mar	1250-49
May	1277-76
Jul	1297-96
Sep	1315-13
Dec	1337-34
Vol:	5817

COFFEE

Sep	1292-91
Nov	1326-25
Jan	1353-51
Mar	1367-65
May	1390-87
Jul	1406-05
Sep	1440-20
Vol:	1493

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1110.5-1111.5
Three Months	1093.0-1094.0
Vol	264900
Tone	Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1108.0-1110.0
Three Months	1090.0-1092.0
Vol	150
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	408.00-409.00
Three Months	391.00-392.00
Vol	31700
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	459.00-460.00
Three Months	464.00-465.00
Vol	22950
Tone	Steadier

SILVER LARGE

Cash	750.00-753.00
Three Months	766.00-767.00
Vol	10
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	750.00-753.00
Three Months	766.00-767.00
Vol	0
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	1032.0-1033.0
Three Months	1011.0-1012.0
Vol	199350
Tone	Firmer

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1725.0-1745.0
Vol	6750
Tone	Idle

NICKEL

Cash	3190-3191
Three Months	3185-3190
Vol	56728
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 14

GB: Cattle, 97.87p per kg lw n/a

GB: Sheep 161.54p per kg* (-4.0)

GB: Pigs, 75.28p per kg lw (+1.18)

* est. dead carcase weight

England & Wales: Cattle down 7.3 %, av price, 97.72p (n/a)
Sheep down 5.4 %, av price, 162.02p (-4.94)
Pig down 8.3 %, av price, 75.28p (+1.18)

Scotland: Cattle n/a %, av price, 98.88p
Sheep n/a %, av price, 159.64p
Pig n/a %, av price, 75.68p

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	102.0	102.0
Nov	103.00	103.00
Feb	97.00	97.00
Apr	99.00	99.00
		Vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	unq.	unq.
Nov	unq.	98.00
Feb	unq.	unq.
		Vol: 4

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	105.00	98.60
Nov	106.10	101.10
Jan	108.10	104.00
Mar	110.65	106.15
May	113.25	108.00
Jul	115.65	unq.

Vol: Wheat 363
Barley 71

SOYABEAN

Oct	134.0-33.1
Dec	131.5-32.5
Feb	132.6-33.0
Apr	133.0-34.0
Jun	125.5-28.0
Aug	126.0-26.5
Oct	127.0-29.5
Vol:	33

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	85.00	84.40
Feb	93.50	92.50
Mar	86.00	85.30
Apr	134.50	133.70
		Vol: 316

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1050-1045	1045.0
Jan 88	1085-1071	1080.0
Apr 88	1155-1135	1135.0
Jul 88	—	1040.0

Vol: 333 lots Open int: 1813
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1049.0 down 11.5 on 11/9/87

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
440	180	Abelscot Group	420	450	+5
54½	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	51	54	n/c
150	110	Allied Insurance	138	148	n/c
285	121	Broadcast Commun	210	220	n/c
98	36	Catalyst Comm	87	91	n/c
150	24	Corton Beach	127	132	+3½
83	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	25	27	+1
41	8	Do. Warrants	16	18	n/c
82	17	Publishing Holdings	63	66	+5
85½	45½	Theme Holdings	70	73	n/c
139½	112½	Unit Group	137½	142½	½

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm start to new account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end September 25. §Contango day September 28. Settlement day October 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 22)

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Anglo Utd	Building,Roads	
2	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
3	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
4	A B Elect	Electricals	
5	Arlen	Electricals	
6	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
8	RHM (aa)	Foods	
9	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
10	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
11	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
12	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
13	Microgen	Electricals	
14	Streetley	Building,Roads	
15	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
16	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
17	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	
18	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
19	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
20	Casket (S)	Drapery,Stores	
21	Collins (Wm)	Newspapers,Pub	
22	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
23	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
24	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
25	Fobel	Industrials E-K	
26	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
27	New London Oil	Oil & Gas	
28	Smith & Neph (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
29	VPI Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Metal Box (aa)	Industrials L-R	
31	Western Selection	Electricals	
32	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
34	Celestion	Industrials A-D	
35	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
36	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
37	STC (aa)	Electricals	
38	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
39	Ellis & Goldstein	Drapery,Stores	
40	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
41	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
42	Babcock	Industrials A-D	
43	FKI Elect	Electricals	
44	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£8,000
Claims required for
+42 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
102¼	95½	Treas 12%	1987	100⅛	..	12.0	10.009
99¾	95¾	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	9.336
102¼	95	Exch 10½%	1988	100	..	10.5	10.307
101⅝	95½	Treas C9¾%	1988	99½	..	9.8	10.294
97¼	92¾	Treas 3%	1978-88	96¼	..	3.1	7.307
101⅝	96	Treas 9½%	1988	99	..	9.6	10.380
105¼	95½	Treas 11½%	1989	101⅞	..	11.3	10.355
104⅝	96⅝	Treas 10½%	1989	100⅛	..	10.5	10.365
103⅝	96¼	Exch 10%	1989	99⅝	..	10.1	10.365
106	99⅝	Exch 10¼%	1989	100⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.054
105¾	95	Exch 11%	1989	101⅛ ●	..	10.9	10.368
95⅝	88⅝	Treas 5%	1986-89	93⅛ ●	..	5.4	8.645
102¼	93¾	Treas C9½%	1989	98⅝ ●	..	9.6	10.368
94⅝	88⅝	Treas 3%	1989	93	..	3.2	7.436

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
524	421	Midland (aa)	537	510	f +15	27.6	5.4	6.6
578	360	Morgan Grenfell	538	542	● +8	14.9	2.8	13.5
256	149	Nat Aust Bk	252	256	f			
790	536	Nat West (aa)	708	712	● -3	29.5	4.2	7.2
285	173	Ottoman	260			8.00	3.1	8.5
440	278	Provident	378	382	-9	18.5	4.9	13.1
152	135	r ea B ros	140	150	● +½	20.1	14	
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	206	208	f -1	8.2	4.0	11.0
449	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	393	397	+5	15.6	3.9	9.9
17	705	Schroders	15½	16½	● +¼	22.6	1.4	24.9
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	812	815	● +6	48.0	5.9	10.1
147½	130	TSB (aa)	147	148	+2½	6.5	4.4	
10¼	680	Union	940	955		63.0	6.6	11.0
529	336	Warburg SG	480	483	+12			
179	122	Do 6% 'A'	160	163	● +4	8.2	5.1	.
37⅞	27¼	Wells Fargo	33⅛		+⅛			
520	290	Wintrust	510	530	●	8.5	1.6	20.5

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	414	417		15.8	3.8	12.3
10½	729	Bass (aa)	965	973	-4	24.1	2.5	17.9
77	61	Belhaven	62	64		1.0	1.6	22.7
151½	124	Boddington	128	131	+1	5.1	3.9	14.2
710	537	Brown (Matthew)	705	708	+3	20.2b	2.9	24.7
186	131	Buckleys	180	185		4.4	2.4	56.5
239	141	Bulmer (H P)	227	232	● +4	7.9	3.4	16.1
195	165	Burtonwood Brew	182	187		4.0	2.2	29.9
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	520	530	● -1	12.3	2.3	17.6
352	202	Devenish (JA)	327	332	+1	4.0	1.2	45.8
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	221	224	+1	7.8	3.5	13.4
425	259	Greene King	412	415		8.9	2.1	21.3
390	264	Guinness (aa)	373	377	+7	11.2	3.0	13.4
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800		26.4	3.3	17.4
94	69	Highland Dist	92	94		3.1	3.3	16.0
206	138	Invergordon Dist	196	200	● +4½	7.5	3.8	12.9
235	145	Irish Dist	218	223		6.0	2.7	
154	113	Marston Thompson	134	135	+½	3.5	2.6	17.0
603	345	Morland	550	565	..	9.9	1.8	27.1
470	131	SA Breweries	430	445	..			
264½	178	Scot & New (aa)	246	248	● +1	10.9	4.4	13.7
580	468	Vaux	520	530	+1	18.6	3.5	16.6
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	322	326	-11	12.2	3.8	13.7
400	248	Do 'B'	380	390		12.2	3.2	16.2
365	210	Whitbread Inv	325	333	+2	11.3	3.4	38.3
405	277½	Wolvrhmptn & D	382	386		7.0	1.8	21.6
477	274	Young A	455	465	.	11.6	2.5	26.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
460	193	Abbey	430	450	● ..			
297	222	Aberdeen Constr	260	262		12.1	4.6	20.7
449	270	Amec	398	393	+8	16.8	4.3	14.8
88½	28	Anglo Utd	64	68	● +5	1.4	2.2	
147	88	Arncliffe	138	148	●	3.8	2.7	
367	217	Attwoods	362	365	-3	7.2	2.0	33.6
882	343	BPB Ind (aa)	342	347	-3	8.6	2.5	14.9
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	282	292	+2	2.7	0.9	38.8
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	71	+1	0.9	1.3	14.0
252	158	Barratt Devs	212	214	-1	11.4	5.4	22.3
327	160	Bellway	283	287	..	10.3	3.6	15.1
305	128	Bellwinch	150	155	..	4.4	2.9	14.0

ELECTRICALS

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SHOES AND LEATHER

TEXTILES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
369	200	Lamont	357	370	● +5	7.5	2.0	19.2
365	171½	Leeds	365	365		8.5b	2.4	21.3
240	142	Lister	200	210	● -2	4.1	2.0	11.7
162	109	Lyles (S)	141	144	●	7.5	5.5	16.1
316	115	Mackay (Hugh)	280	295	+18	7.5	2.6	23.9
67	11	Munton	57	62	+4	..	..	..
226	116	Parkland 'A'	210	215	..	6.9	3.2	15.4
95½	44½	Readicut	94	95		3.0	3.2	15.8
195	109	SEET	192	197	● +9	7.3	3.7	15.8
198	118	Sekers	163	168	● +3	3.6	2.2	12.3
176	128	Sirdar	145	148	-1	7.1	4.8	20.1
200	70	Smallshaw (R)	100	200	● -25	3.8	2.5	13.8
83½	34½	Stoddard 'A'	78	83	●	1.8	2.2	9.7
245	80	Textured Jersey	226	231	● +11	8.2	3.6	19.2
505	246	Tomkinsons	500	510	+20	6.5	1.3	24.3
157	105	Toctal	147	148	..	5.8	3.9	18.5
378	230	Yorklyde	325	335	+12	10.3	3.1	13.5

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
675	452	BAT (aa)	667	670	● +7½	21.0	3.1	15.8
163	116	Carroll	170	180	●			.
426	236	Rothmans 'B'	418	420	● -5	10.6	2.5	11.6

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VENTURE CAPITAL

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Lawrence Lever

The millions pouring into industry

In many ways Britain's venture capital industry is flourishing. According to *industry figures, some £396 million* venture capital was invested in UK companies in 1986 compared with £279 million the previous year and £110 million in 1982.

Even these figures — collated by Venture Economics — do not provide a *full picture of total venture capital* activity.

For example, they exclude any portion of the £144.6 million invested by 3i in the year to March 31 1986.

Also, *depending on where one draws* the line in defining "venture capital", it *is arguable* that at least some of the money raised by individual unquoted companies under the Business Expansion Scheme should be included .

In the 1986/7 tax year approximately *£116 million* was raised *from the public* by 52 BES companies. And many more companies raised *smaller ammounts* of BES finance via private placings.

Undoubtedly a major factor behind the growth of the industry has been the popularity of the large management buy-*outs (MBOs).*

Buy-outs (management and leveraged) and acquisitions formed less than 20 per cent of venture capital deals in 1986 but accounted for 44 per cent of the total invested by UK *venture* capital houses. The total amount invested in this category has increased by 334 per cent in three years.

Buy-outs are getting bigger. Almost three quarters of the money that went into buy-outs in 1986 was for deals in *excess of £2 million.*

The largest deal to date is Compass, the £160 million buy-out of Grand *Metropolitan's contract services* division. This record is not expected to remain *intact much* longer.

Nevertheless, the amounts committed *to the generally more risky financing* stages — the start-ups and the early stage deals — *increased* last year in percentage terms after declining quite sharply in 1985.

The BES *appears* to have made inroads into the shortage of equity *finance available for smaller projects* with more than half the BES companies raising *amounts of less than £50.000.*

Lionel Anthony, chairman of the British Venture Capital Association, thinks the whole question of seed-corn financing (typically the local entrepeneur wanting less than £150.000) is being dealt with by the coincidence of private and *public funding* at *local levels.*

This include initiatives taken by the Welsh and Scottish Development agencies and the Linc (Local investment *Networking Co) network which is now* providing a nationwide marriage bureau for investors and businesses spanning the areas covered by seven local enterprise agencies. Other examples, says Mr Anthony, include the recent launch of the Yorkshire Fund, a £20-£25 million *fund set up by Yorkshire Enterprise* which will invest in expanding companies in *Humberside* and areas of Yorkshire.

On the surface Britain's venture capital industry is booming, with more and more money invested in unquoted companies. But it is in danger of losing its roots as more funds pour into large management buy-outs

But the venture capital industry is not *without its problems. Venture capitalists* still say that there are not enough good deals around. Indeed, although record amounts of venture capital were committed in 1986 this represented a fraction of funds available.

"There is a *lot of money* available compared with the number of good solid propositions," says Mr Anthony. "There is a danger of prices being chased up".

Certainly those with good propositions can afford to pick and choose, holding beauty parades of aspiring *providers* of capital. Whether they are securing unreasonably high prices is hard *to prove since much of the evidence is* anecdotal and comes from those whose pure financial interests are best served by paying less.

On the lack of good quality deals, Mr Anthony says that there are not enough experienced entrepeneurs around who *are prepared to* take thefinancial risk of leaving large corporations and set up on their own.

One reason is the increase in their earnings within those corporations. He *wants* the Government to implement various fiscal measures to prise out the *entrepeneurs from their institutional* safety. These would include a modification to *the* Business Expansion Scheme allowing entrepeneurs to draw a salary from their new company but still qualify for tax relief on their capital investment in that company.

There is *still an equity gap, although* its boundaries may have shifted somewhat. Venture Economics locates the equity gap now as in the £200,000 to £500,000 range.

It would also be naive to suppose that despite greater availability of funds at the lower end of the market all the goodies are evenly spread throughout Britain.

Venture Economics figures for the *venture capital industry show* an increase in funds for the North of England but the North-South disparity is still acute with the South-East soaking up 63.7 per cent of the funds committed in 1986.

INVESTMENT BY INVESTOR TYPE

TYPE OF FUND	% of investments			% of amount		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Independent						
Private	26.7	32.5	38.6	25.9	31.8	30.5
Public	10.6	8.1	13.6	9.4	7.6	18.1
Captive						
Bank subsidiary	10.8	14.6	14.7	19.5	24.7	23.5
Pension fund	4.8	5.1	3.1	9.3	7.9	7.4
Other	9.0	6.9	8.1	9.7	10.6	11.1
BES	32.4	24.7	16.6	21.2	14.2	8.1
Govt/local authority	5.7	8.1	5.3	5.0	3.2	1.3

Source: Venture Economics

AGGREGATE INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

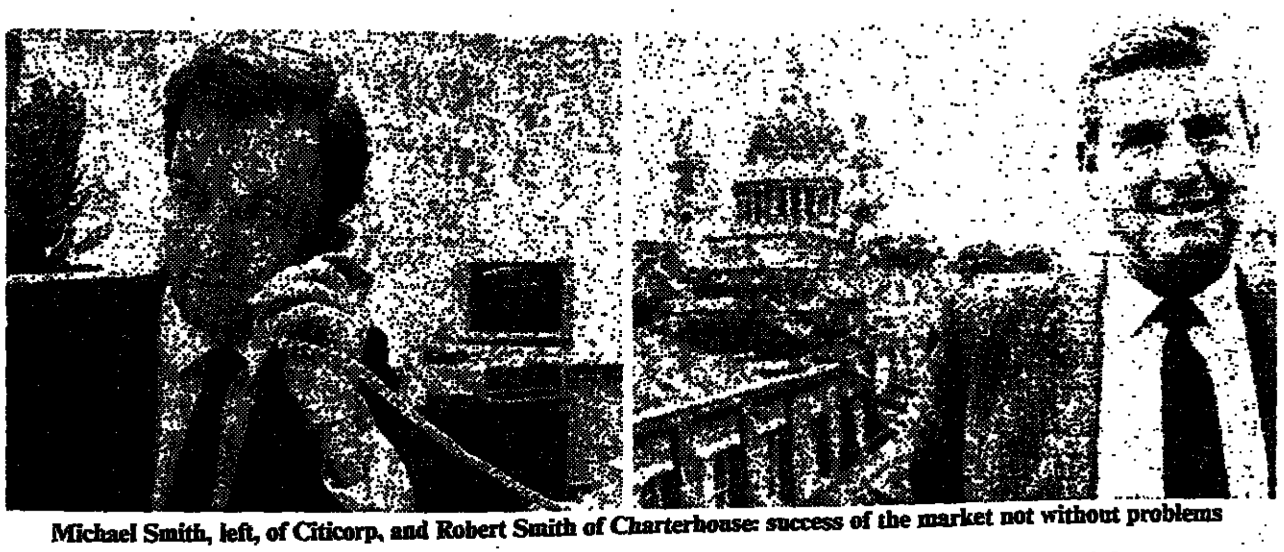
Total amount invested (£m)

Location	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1982-86
UK	110	166	228	279	396	1,179
US	22	45	53	38	34	192
Elsewhere	—	4	3	9	6	22
Total	132	215	284	326	436	1,392

Number of companies financed

Location	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1982-86
UK	321	438	582	597	665	2,603
US	63	124	145	97	87	516
Elsewhere	2	16	15	21	14	68
Total	386	578	742	715	766	3,187

Source: Venture Economics



Michael Smith, left, of Citicorp, and Robert Smith of Charterhouse: success of the market not without problems

Management buy-outs are profitable for both participants and investors

Club for big-money players

The players in the management buy-out league have made a lot of money in *recent years. There have been 1,300 buy-outs* since 1980, of which almost 100 have since moved to a full listing or been floated on the unlisted securities market. According to the Centre for Management buy-out Research, it took an average of three years from buy-out to USM flotation and even less for those graduating to the main market.

The profits for the financers of buy-outs have been handsome, achievable over short-term horizons, and less risky than traditional venture capital investment. Tim Syder of County NatWest Ventures, *said: "The returns for a* venture capital house with a good deal flowand able to choose his deals have been more than 30 per cent over the last few years."

The buy-out market has shot up over the last six years on the back of several specific developments, many of which are to some degree attributable to a general governmental drive to stimulate enterprise. These developments include relaxing the Companies Act provisions *on an unquoted company buying or as*sisting in the purchase of its own shares. The success of the USM has opened up a gaping and welcome exit route.

Various fiscal measures, such as *providing tax-efficient stock options and* allowing entrepeneurs to offset interest on the money which they borrow to buy shares against tax, have also contributed.

A very material factor has been the *changing attitudes of industry to selling* off parts of their business. Robert Smith of Charterhouse Development Capital, explained: "In the 197os large corporations put only their rubbish in the shop windows. Now, they are selling good quality businesses which perhaps do not fit in with their strategy or which are an *unwanted part of a company they have* just taken over."

The buoyancy of the stock markets have been encouraging and generated huge returns as venture capital houses *converted investments in unquoted* companies at lowish earnings multiples to stakes in public companies at far higher multiples.

But the buoyant market has also *contributed to the advent of some ser*ious competition from trade buyers — in other words other public companies — wanting to get in on the buy-out act.

Tim Syder commented: "When the *market has* been *fully valued, trade* buyers look to the unquoted sector and come along and offer attractive prices."

The trade buyers have an advantage over venture captalists: they can use *their highly rated shares to fund all or* part of the purchase. "I cannot," said Robert Smith, "compete with frothy paper. A lot of quite big buy-outs have been lost to trade buyers. If the trade buyer is really determined to get it, he will."

The experience of being trumped by trade buyers appears common among the leading buy-out players.

Said Michael Smith, general manager at Citicorp Venture Capital: "Certainly there has been a problem recently with trade buyers. We are not prepared to compete when people are paying ridiculously high prices. We have lost quite a *few deals* where we have won the mandate from the management team and corporate *buyers have purchased the* business at ludicrously high prices."

Tim Syder is also worried by the competition *now from the American banks,* such as Bankers Trust.

The high returns in buy-outs, as well as *increasing the number of players* in the market, also produces the ability to finance very *large management* buy-outs. And it has brought institutions together.

"The debt and equity people talk to one another now," said Robert Smith. Moreover, according to Citicorp's Michael *Smith,* a secondary market in subordinated debt is emerging.

Deals are invariably syndicated among a network of financial houses.Reciprocity is the key to syndication. You give your competitors a slice of the action because you hope that when they find *deals, they will bring you in on* them. You are also spreading risk. There is a small group of players such as Charterhouse, Citicorp, 3i, Mercury, Prudential, County and Shroders, who *initiate big buy-outs* and *parcel them up* among themselves.

"It is a club network but the entry is not that you go to Eton," Robert Smith said. "It is that you are in the market."

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Shaking out the short term players

The surge in large management buy-outs raises the question of what is venture capital.

This is not simply a debate on semantics;it brings into focus a feeling in some areas of the market that financing of the high-risk early stage financings may *suffer* because of the safer returns available from buy-outs.

It is arguable that the large management buy-outs of existing and profitable businesses lack the "venture" element of venture capital and should not be counted as such.

It depends how you define venture capital. Ronald Cohen of Alan Patricof Associates, defines it as "an illiquid investment requiring a hands-on *approach* of *at least* five years and with active participation of investors and no yield". Most large MBOs would fail the *test.*

> ‘A deviation from natural balances’

As an independent house he sees management buy-outs and early stage financings as both having a role within a balanced portfolio.

"The returns on MBOs are sooner than in the case of start-ups. On start ups you may have 50 to 100 per cent compound. With very buoyant *markets* you *can invest in* a buy-out, turn it around in two years and float it. It is an activity that venture capitalists may not be able to sustain over a number of years. Buy-outs are part of our total *portfolio.* You need a spread."

Others, such as Geoff Taylor of 3i *Ventures, the* high-risk/hands-on side of 3i, focus *on the element of risk* in venture capital.

He *reckons that about* three- quarters of the members of the British Venture Capital Association are only "masquerading" as venture capitalists. By this he means that "they are pretending to do *early-stage financing* but their presence in the marketplace is negligible."

Everyone is aware that a downturn in the stock market will depress the buy-out boom. But Mr Taylor considers that *the buy-out* market itself is already imbalanced.

" The venture *capital industry,* if anything, has swung too far away from early-stage financing. It may be a good commercial decision at the *moment but* the upside potential for MBOs in the UK may be artificially high. It is possible to make a 30-plus compound rate of return for MBOs, where the risk is relatively low over two to three years with not a lot of effort. It is out of proportion, a deviation from natural balances".

"In the US side it is not as easy to make such good returns out of MBOs as in the UK. It has been worked at longer and a more mature process".

" There is a maturing process going on in all aspects of the venture capital industry. It is shaking out the people *who are not long term players* putting in a proper balancing of risk and reward".

" Competition is becoming fierce. It will shake out the anomalies in the system. The anomaly with MBOs is that the reward is disproportionate to the risk. I am not denying *the phenomenon*".

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For investors, the five year alarm bells will soon be ringing

BES in the dock

The day of reckoning is approaching for the government's Business Expansion Scheme.

Launched in 1983, the *scheme* gives investors tax relief on investments in a broad range of unquoted companies. Industry estimates coupled with figures from the Inland Revenue, indicate that almost £500 million has been raised by companies under the scheme.

The availability of tax relief is undoubtedly the dominant motive for most BES investors. The catch is that they must retain their BES shares for at least five years. Next year is the fifth anniversary of the scheme. Investors, particularly those who invested in BES companies and *funds* which were marketed to the public at large, will want cash returns, not share certificates, in their hands.

At the moment the BES can only be judged from the industry point of view, and here the ammount of money raised under the BES is just one factor. What impact has the BES had on the venture *capital market?*

First the negative aspect. A large ammount of BES money was invested in asset-backed tax shelters which appeared to contribute nothing to the fundamental aim of the scheme and indeed of venture capital — to marry investment with risk. Instead, money poured into farmland, property development and wine.

Managers outbid venture capitalists

Also on the negative side is that in its early days the BES caused a certain ammount of distortion — and recrimination — in the traditional venture capital market.

Early on the BES funds — pools of investors' money — dominated the BES market. BES fund *managers* would outbid the institutional venture capitalists when competing for unquoted companies, by simply passing on the benefit of the tax relief to the management of those companies.

High prices were also paid because *fund managers had to* invest the money before the end of the tax year or effectively send the uninvested part back. (This wholly unjustifiable pressure has been alleviated, but not eradicated, *in this year's Finance Act*).

Faced with a higher offer from the BES fund manager some companies which would have been better off with the greater flexibility that traditional venture capital affords, succumbed to the shilling.

John Harrison: "Interesting results coming out"

The distortion process has largely worked its way out for *a number of reasons. These* include the decline in the prominence of BES funds, the greater experience of BES fund managers and the fact that many BES funds turned to "safer" asset-backed investments which did not appeal to venture capitalists because the potential returns are not high enough.

A final negative factor is that there is presently a huge geographical distortion with a disproportionately high amount of BES money invested in projects in the South of England.

On the positive side, the figures from the Inland Revenue suggest that the BES has *to some extent* bridged the equity gap by making small ammounts of equity finance available.

The Revenue's statistics for the first two years of the scheme's life show that almost *800 companies attracted* BES finance of £50,000 or less. This was more than half the total number of companies raising BES money.

Given the dominance of the south it is difficult to make assumptions as to what percentage of these companies are genuine businesses rather than tax shelters for the rich. The borderline between these two categories is in any way not always distinct. Some indication of genuineness can be derived from the knowledge that 306 manufacturing companies, 115 distribution companies, and 303 service *companies* were *funded* via the BES in 1984-5.

What about the BES investors?

"The ultimate question is going to be how to get the money back to investors," says *Richard Hargreaves* of Baronsmead Associates, which has three BES funds. "In our 1983/4 fund we have more difficulty disinvesting than in our *1984/5* fund in which we have a number of failures but a clearer route to disinvestment".

Undoubtedly there will be a good number of investors locked inside unquoted companies clamouring to get out.

The Third Market widens the available exit routes for investors. It is arguable however that it will only provide an exit route for successful companies for which other forms of realization would have been available anyway.

Apart from exit routes there is performance. Capital Ventures, the Cheltenham based venture capital house, has done the BES no end of good by announcing handsome *profits for investors in some of* its BES companies.

Undoubtedly there has been a lot of bad news — of BES companies and *funds failing.* But it is in the nature of unquoted *company* investment that the failures precede the success stories.

John Harrison, editor of the *BES Magazine is optimistic.* "The bad news inevitably comes first and now we are going to see some interesting results coming out, not just losses. Some funds reckon that they have lost all they are going to".

John Spiers of BESt Investment says: "The performance of the BES funds has been disappointing but we *think* that there will be a whole lot of new investors in the BES coming in on the back of some of the success stories".

By the same token however there may be old BES investors put off the scheme by not being able to realize their *investment or getting only* a poor return from it.

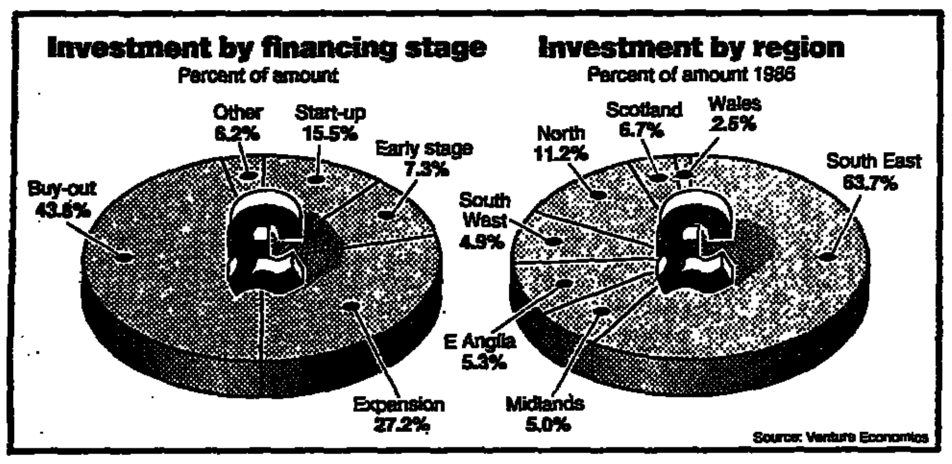
At least when the five year alarm clocks start ringing *performance track records will* at last emerge for a whole host of sponsors and fund managers who have appeared very short on experience of investing *millions of pounds in* unquoted companies.

Wrong marketing criteria blamed

In fact a lot of BES *money* has been raised on the back of wholly spurious marketing criteria — such as the money raising power of the BES sponsor or fund. *Perhaps the* size of the commissions that the BES industry was prepared to give the intermediary market also affected how much individual schemes raised.

After all, with ten property developments, or pub, or hotel, or nursing home or fine *wine* BES schemes to choose from — and no track record to go by — even the most upright of intermediary might compare the respective ammounts of commission on offer.

The industry can only benefit from the *emergence of track* records which should enable investors, advisers — and even commentators — to make more informed assessments.



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The link to find business money

INVESTING

A significant step forward in the process of marrying off investors with businesses seeking finance was taken in April when five *enterprise* agencies announced a nationwide business introduction service they called Linc — Local Investment Networking Company.

There are now seven enterprise agencies within Linc at Aberdeen, London, Manchester, Medway, *Northamptonshire*, Staffordshire and Cleveland.

Linc publishes a monthly bulletin which brings together the details of investment opportunities and companies for sale from all seven enterprise agencies.

Potential investors can have access to this information by paying £50 a year to join Linc's Investors Club which also allows them to be included on an Investor database.

Businesses which are seeking finance pay a one-off registration fee of £30. They must have a business plan which says how much finance is necessary.

Most businesses in the bulletins seek finance in the £10,000 - £100,000 range, but some want more.

In the June issue a company "selling old style telephone *boxes as showers,* bars etc particularly in the USA" was looking for funding of up to £100,000 and mangement expertise "to fully exploit the product".

Another, seeking £50,000, specializes in providing made-to-measure replacement doors and work-surfaces for kitchen units "at a fraction of the cost of fitting new units".

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If you want capital

INFORMATION

If you think that you have a project worthy of venture capital finance where do you get information on whom you should approach?

There are two free sources which should give you a good indication.

Stoy Hayward, the accountancy firm, has for a number of years produced a very useful booklet called Sources of Venture and Development Capital in the UK.

It lists a wide range of providers of venture capital, and gives basic details such as the type of projects they are interested in and *the* minimum size investment they would consider. It also indicates whether start-ups are considered.

The British Venture Capital Association publishes a directory of its members which also gives detailed information on the venture *capitalists* and their individual investment *preferences.*

One thing the BVCA booklet has which the Stoy Hayward one does not, is details of the number of full time executives its members have. Also bear in mind that the Stoy Hayward booklet is effectively a list which implies no recom*mendation* and is not confined to BVCA members.

It therefore covers a wider range of venture capital businesses than the BVCA booklet. But there is at least one business in the Stoy Hayward booklet whom you should avoid. It is not a member of the BVCA, whose aims include developing high standards of practice within the industry.

Finally, you should regard these booklets as guides rather *than* tablets of stone. A good number of those listed say that they are always prepared to be flexible on their outline criteria if they like a particular project which does not strictly fall within the boundaries they set out in the booklets.

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The building industry at last looks at IT

COMPUTER BRIEFING

The notoriously low-tech construction industry *is set to provide a £50 million boost* to information-technology suppliers over the next two years, according to a survey by management consultants Peat Marwick McLintock and the Construction Industry Computing Association (CICA). *The* construction industry is belatedly recognizing *the need for IT in its* business, *which* operates on extremely low margins, thus demanding accuracy in estimating and planning. Consequently, many of the large construction firms questioned for the survey said that they *are committed to increasing expenditure* on data-processing equipment by an av*erage* 20 per cent over the next two years.

There is plenty of scope for more, however. With the exception of computer aided design equipment, the use of computers for industry-specific tasks such as project management, plant management and buying is below 50 per cent. According to Mr Rob Howard, *general manager of the* CICA, *even* those companies who have already decided to exploit IT have had serious problems in getting their systems to work effectively.

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The report claims that despite large investment in on-line videotex information and booking systems by tour operators, both these companies and the agents they serve are failing to benefit fully.

■ Brother has moved into the laser printer market with the launch of the HL-8, priced at £2,193 and VAT. Featuring the latest laser *engine, it can print eight pages a minute. The la*ser printer's memory — 512K byte as standard — can be upgraded by one and two megabyte operations.

■ *Electronic inventors*, to your keyboards. A prize for information technology innovation is being offered by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, in association with IBM. The institute's *information technology group* is seeking nominations for the most innovative IT *development or use*, for the benefit of industry, commerce or the financial sector, within the UK. The winner will receive a specially engraved bowl and complete IBM Personal System/2 computer installations at an awards ceremony *in December*.

Contact: *The secretary of the information technology group, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Box 433, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ (tel: 01-628-7060).*

■ In last week's Computer Horizons, we reported the opening of a UK office for leading *US software house Electronic Arts. Due to* an error, the company's annual turnover for the fiscal year ending *March*, 1987 was reported as £12 million. This figure should have read £21 million — with revenue for 1988 estimated to rise to more than £30 million. Software on both the Batteries Included and Accolade Software labels *will be available in the UK through* Electronic Arts.

● Said by its makers to be the world's smallest computer terminal and the first watch able to communicate with another — by telephone interface — this is the Hattori company's Seiko RC4000. Its various models cost between £50 and *£60 and it has a memory of al*most 2,000 characters on 80 "pages", useful for recording telephone numbers, price lists, travel schedules and other personal information. Owners can tap notes directly *into it by pressing the button* on the right, then using the scroll and select buttons to choose letters and symbols on the LCD. An alarm can display up to a year in advance details of almost 80 events, such as *appointments*, and *deliver* daily or weekly reminders. Though the watch-computer will be heavily promoted for Christmas, it has been selling well for some time. Steve Bradd, marketing manager for Hattori's consumer-products division, said: "Already it is *proving* popular with some members of the medical profession, being helpful to patients with memory deficiencies."

A British creation that could work for Japan

●The brain-child of *a British Nobel prize-winner* has inspired a Japanese company to carry on where IBM left off. ROBERT MATTHEWS reports

Japanese computer scientists at Hitachi are working to prove that IBM was wrong to halt the controversial Josephson junction supercomputer project four years ago. Hitachi is now develop*ing the components for what it* believes will be a new generation of computers far smaller and faster even than today's supercomputers.

Josephson junctions (JJs), named after the British Nobel Prize winning physicist, Professor Brian Josephson, are essentially ultra-fast switches built out of superconducting materials which lose all their electrical resistance when cooled to within a few degrees of absolute zero (minus 273 Celsius).

Able to switch states in just a few picoseconds (or million-millionths of a second), JJs were at the heart of an IBM project aimed at building a computer able to work far faster than traditional semiconductor-based vector processing machines such as the Cray X-MP.

But the project was killed off in 1983 because ordinary, boring semiconductor technology was advancing faster than anyone had predicted at the start of the project, and the *JJs, with their attendant liq*uid-helium cooling machinery, were proving more trouble than they were worth.

That decision has not been affected by the recent develop*ment* of JJs made from the new ceramic materials, whose ability to become superconducting at relatively high temperatures means much less complex cooling equipment. IBM claims that the ceramics do not have enough gain to make useful switches, and the higher working temperatures give problems with noise.

However, Hitachi believes it has the expertise in the use of JJs to make the superconducting supercomputer a reality. Its optimism is founded on the fact that the company's central research laboratory has made a number of notable advances in JJ technology in recent years, *including a 5.6 picosecond* JJ switch, a JJ multiplier and a JJ *gate* array.

The aim now is to build a JJ transistor. *Using* advanced facilities built for conventional *semiconductor manufact*ure, Hitachi is using its Metal *Oxide Semiconductor* (MOS) process to build a transistor device based on the so-called *superconductor* proximity effect.

Professor Brian Josephson: JJs are named for him

This enables *the character*istics of the Josephson effect, *which the JJ* uses *and which* are usually regarded as fixed, *to* be controlled through phenomena that emerge when the superconductor is brought very close to the MOS region of the combined device.

One of the key advantages of using such a device in a computer is that it has a very low power consumption. As a result, the devices could be packed close together, an obvious (but often impractical) way of speeding up computer operation.

Together with the Japanese Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Hitachi is also working on a ultra-low power switch based on Josephson technology dubbed the quantum flux parimetron (QFP).

It exploits the fact that the Josephson effect, being quantum mechanical, leads to magnetic flux being bundled into tiny, discrete packages. These can be used to form a binary signal, and produce very fast switching with high gain.

Hitachi and the Institute have now built a QFP circuit, and shown that it can achieve a switching time of no more than 50 million-millionths of a second. The real speed is probably five times greater still: the measuring instruments used *were* designed to measure semiconductor *switching that is typically* a thousand times slower and *simply* could not cope with the speed, Hitachi claims.

The power consumption is also extraordinarily low — one *billionth of* a watt, about one million times smaller than *that* of conventional semiconductor devices.

This is so *low that* Hitachi speculates it may be possible *to pack the devices in a* dense three-dimensional array, with the *individual* elements coupled magnetically. The com*pany* is trying to develop more sophisticated logic and memory circuits using superconducting devices. In the meantime, IBM will have to wait to see if it was right to leave all its eggs in the semiconductor basket.

How the PC is getting in on the videophone act

From a correspondent in Rome

The personal computer is now talking to the "videophone". While many consider that the latter is still the stuff of science fiction, many large firms have been using point-to-point videoconferencing systems for years, but they have always been expensive and have never been integrated in any existing form of data and voice networks within companies.

A new system announced here by the Texas-based Datapoint Corporation last week could change that. The company's innovative Minx (multimedia information network exchange) system — unveiled two years ago as a way of providing a dedicated "videophone", video-conferencing, voice and data-transfer system — *has now* been enhanced so that it can be connected *to low-cost PCs*.

This means that you can now connect Minx to any existing network of personal computers using Datapoint's Arcnet networking system such that an instant videophone/videoconferencing system is added to your existing PC network. All that is required is a Minx display, which replaces the existing IBM-compatible colour computer display, and a special "cluster controller" that controls the movement of video images around the network.

Using such a system, up to eight people within a building *could hold a video conference* without ever having to leave *their offices*. They would be able to see and hear one *another* via the camera, speaker and microphone built into each of the Minx displays. And because the system is voice-activated, it will always *show on the screens of* all the people on the network the face *and voice of the person* currently speaking.

Main obstacle is the price

Such connections can even take place between offices *using PCs and Minx displays* in different parts of the coun*try and — if you've the time* and money to reserve space on *a satellite transponder — in* different parts of the world.

Minx is mainly designed, however, to provide this video and data conferencing for offices that are spread out over a large single site. The ability to simultaneously send computer files to other users personal computers while speaking to them over Minx is the primary attraction of the "data-conferencing" part of the system.

Despite its emphasis on *business*, Minx has also attracted interest in the defence *industry and in the* legal profession. The latter is keen *on using the system in child*-abuse cases, so that children *could be interviewed in front* of a Minx and the resulting image transmitted to the courtroom simultaneously.

As *the system requires* no sound or camera operator, the *child could sit in front of the* screen with the parents and *feel less intimidated than cur*rent video-interviewing tech*niques permit*.

The main obstacle to the success of Minx so far has been the price — about *US$10,000* (about £5,900) for each Minx terminal — and the difficulties that many companies have in seeing how the system would be used.

For that reason, Datapoint has just started a round of conferences in Europe which it hopes will show people what Minx and the Arcnet network can do.

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Advance for the women at risk

Dr Amanda Herbert: faith in new computer system

Developments in the war against cervical cancer are being spotlighted this week in Southampton, where a team led by Dr Amanda Herbert, consultant pathologist specializing in cytology at the *General Hospital*, believes that a new computer system just installed there is the answer to the long-term follow-up of women at risk.

This week Southampton is hosting the annual conference of the British Society for Clinical Cytology. Doug Gemmell *managing director* of ITL (Information Technology), of Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire, which tailored the system to meet Dr *Herbert's requirements*, told delegates that it would take no more than £10 million to equip the country's 200 or so pathology laboratories with *suitable systems*.

The Southampton system builds on the work *that* the cytology team has already carried out, initially using a database of 6,000 at-risk women. The database has *been transferred to* the second-generation ITL system, which, apart from extending the facilities, is breaking new ground in follow-up.

An elaborate system of coding has been built into the software to *simplify and speed the* process of reports and letter-writing and the system automatically brings in diagnostic coding from the standard medical code dictionary.

It is the flexibility and adaptability to individual requirements which pleases Dr Herbert and her team. She said: *"If we see something* we don't like in the system, it is menu-driven and easily changed in the laboratory."

The system will also soon link into the computer systems operated by the Family Practitioner Committees for routine call and recall purposes. The team has taken care not just to look at linking computer systems but to accommodate existing GPs' recall and follow-up systems.

Portable price war hots up

THE WEEK

By Geof Wheelwright

Competition in the market for portable business computers has been hotting up as new models are introduced and prices cut on existing machines. *Toshiba, Compaq* and Sir Clive Sinclair's Cambridge Computers have all taken steps to improve their market position in moves that should improve the choice and prices available to prospective portable *owners*.

Toshiba has been the only *top company to announce new* models: one based on the fast 80286 computer processor, the other on the industry's leading 80386 processor.

The company already has a machine, the Toshiba T-3100/20, based on the former computer architecture, but the new £3995 T-3200 model offers a bigger keyboard, better computer graphics, more computer hard disc storage capacity and improved opportunity for expansion.

The company has also plunged into the market for 80386 super-PCs with the industry's second significant *portable* system *using that* processor. Dubbed the T-5100, the new £4595 system includes lots of memory, disc storage and more speed than *you are likely to find in most* packages that size, with the possible exception of the Portable III computer from *Toshiba's arch-rival Compaq.*

Compaq has been fighting back with price cuts on its older Portable II models, with the price for its dual floppy disc drive system going from £2295 to £1895 and that of the 20 Mb hard-disc model moving from £3,150 to £2,395. *Though Compaq attributes the* price cuts to the benfits of high demand and volume production, there have been suggestions that the company is *preparing to launch new models* in the near future and that these may be a way of repositioning older systems to make way for the new. Compaq has *hinted as much in recent press* interviews and advertising campaigns and a new product announcement is expected from the company within the *next three months*.

The Z88 winning good reviews

The lone UK manufacturer *to be making much noise in the* portable computer field is Sir Clive Sinclair, who has just announced that his portable Z88 laptop machine will now be *available* in high-retailers. He announced that deal two weeks ago after months of concern and speculation over delivery dates.

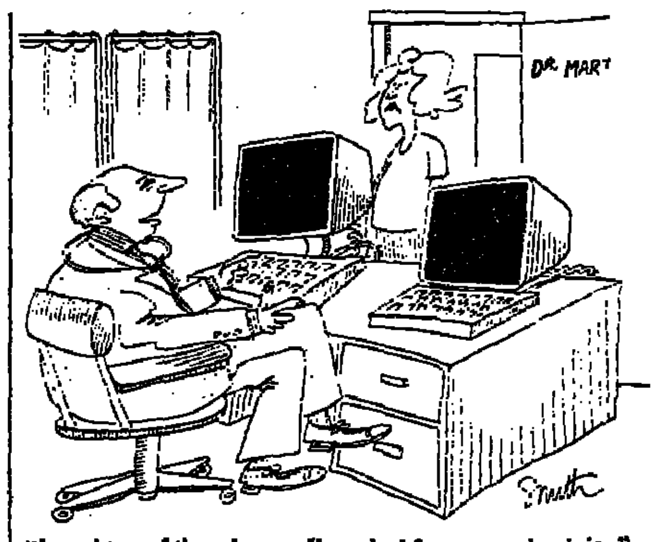
It appears that the Z88 has now been sent to all who ordered the machine earlier this year, is *winning good* press reviews and finding a demand from the computer retailers Sir Clive left behind when he sold the rights to his Spectrum and QL home computers to Amstrad's boss, *Alan Sugar, last year*.

Sir Clive's recovery looks set to continue with news that he is increasing manufacturing capacity for the Z88 and should have the long sought-*after funding for his* wafer-scale integration products (produced by Sir Clive's Anamartic chip design company).

But the portable computer market may still give Sir Clive and Toshiba a tough time in the near future. There is a *school of thought which suggests* that only a limited market exists for laptop computers of the type produced by Sir Clive and Toshiba (Compaq's *machines* are all *bigger*, mains-operated "luggables").

One of the largest markets for such equipment is journalists, for *whom the ability to* type information into portable computers on the train and the plane is particularly useful.

As the subject of lap-held computing interests among journalists, it tends to get more *publicity* than perhaps its market importance justifies. This, *however, is only a theory* — and obviously one that Toshiba and Cambridge Computer would be keen to dispute.



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■ **Desktop Publishing Show**, October 15-17, Business Design Centre, Islington, London (061-456 8383)

■ **Telecom 87**, October 20-27, Geneva

■ **Amstrad Computer Show**, October 23-25, G-Mex Exhibition Hall, Manchester (061-456 8835)

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Head-hunters busy chasing top people

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

Management consultants' involvement in information *technology is on the up and* up: more than half the total 36 per cent of all types of management consultancy work undertaken last year by member firms of the MCA (Management Consultancies *Association) came from IT.*

MCA members, represented by the top 29 management consultancies in Britain, achieved a 98 per cent increase (from £34.5 million in 1985 to £69 million in 1986) in *fees for IT* consultancy. Demand is increasing for experienced computer consultants.

What was once a trickle of IT specialists leaving the conventional software, systems and computer consultancy companies, is turning into a flood, and the battle to win staff is hotting up. At the same time, the type of consultant needed for IT work is changing, and the days of the young, whiz-kid computer consultant could be coming to an end.

Does this mean that the conventional work being done by computer consultancies is being sucked away by management consultants? Apparently not. There is still lots of work to go around at all levels. Companies are becoming more aware of the wider *strategic issues involved in* computing.

Peter Evans, *north regional* consulting director of Grant Thornton Management Consultants, said: "Management consultants are now being used to look at more information technology in the broad business sense. This is particularly true in the regions, and in the management of IT in areas such as manufacturing.

"There has been an enormous impetus as the result of AMT (advanced manufacturing technology) and robotics. Consultancy required in the areas of engineering and production — only recently the Cinderellas of consultancy — are coming back into fashion."

Dr Geoffrey Forage, director of information technology at Arthur Young Management *Consultants, commented* that the need for different types of IT consultancy activity is developing at changing levels within organizations.

"It involves strategic issues across a company," said Dr Forage. "All organizations, especially at board level, are looking at IT and feeling that there is scope for doing something more. Sometimes, users are not getting enough from their data-processing departments.

"Company directors are looking at ways of using IT for competitive advantage, or to use *technology better* than they currently do. Some senior managements have very good new ideas, but need consultants to help them fit their plans into an overall strategy."

Such moves mean that a certain type of management consultant is now needed. Computer experience is important, but a wider *knowledge of industry and* management issues is also vital.

Said Grant Thornton's Peter Evans: "The job market for IT management consultants, simplistically divides into two areas. First, we need to recruit high-tech specialists with knowledge of advanced technology — telecommunications, for example — and at least six years' sound experience. Second, we need more of *the true management* consultants who can see things in a broad sense in the context of information technology.

"This latter type of requirement has meant that the age profile of the computer consultant is changing. In the last 10 years the average age has gone from the mid-twenties to the early-thirties, and opportunities for the older, more experienced, consultant, *are opening up. The age of the* whiz-kid IT specialist is passing.

Dr Forage said: "IT consultants must understand industry. Increasingly, they are dealing with senior people at board level. It must come across that the consultants are, themselves, businessmen."

It appears, therefore, that *though* clients need to look directly to the management consultancy for the resolving of IT issues which are becoming wider than just the technology itself, *the consultancies* themselves must find the consultants with the appropriate knowledge and experience. *The most obvious place* to look is at the software houses and conventional computer consultancies.

"It is true that management consultancies are trying to pitch top people from the *systems and computer* consultancy houses," said Dr Forage.

Peter Evans said: "We are still paying a high premium for the right people. We need IT people who are used to client contact, and the software houses are our target. At the very senior level, a lot of head-hunting is going on."

High premiums mean salaries of *£20,000* a year for basic level consultants in the regions. In London, it is £30,000. At the top end, senior managing consultants in the regions are on £40,000 a year, while in London, the asking *price* for a top consultant is probably £60,000 or more.

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School texts go on screen

By Sean Hallahan

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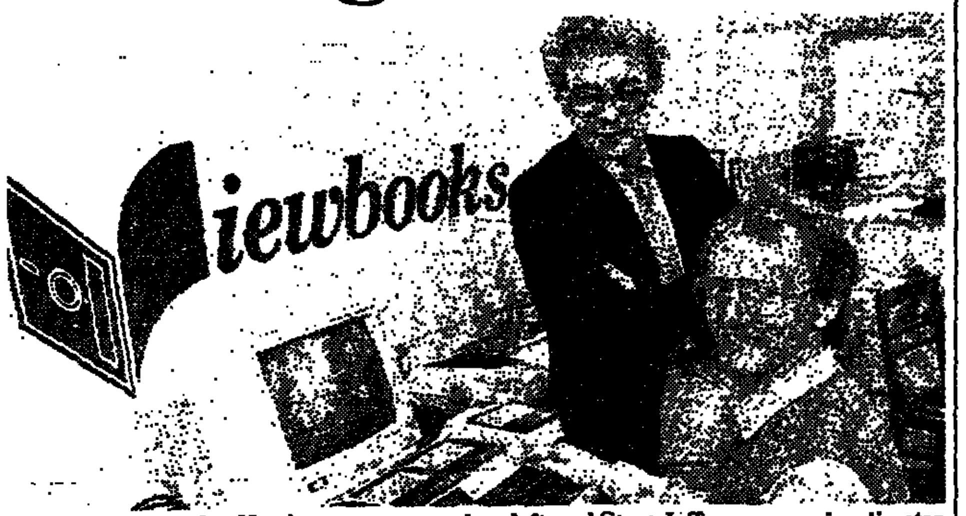
The company, Information Education, already has a list of more than 20 titles, running on all the popular machines in schools and colleges, including the IBM PC and compatibles, Acrn Master, Research Machine Nimbus and the BBC Micro. The disc contains software that will allow a student to read a book page by page, consult the index or table of contents and look up a cross-reference in the text usually by means of a single keystroke.

Steve Jeffreys, a college lecturer and managing director of Information Education, says that most of the titles have been specially written for the system, Viewbooks. He adds: "The purpose is to go for the 16 to 19 year-olds, providing source material for GCSE students and college students at first-year degree level."



Educational aid: Alan Hawley, programs author, left, and Steve Jeffreys, managing director

One of the main benefits of the Viewbooks system is that it can be used by the physically handicapped, in particular the partially sighted. Information Education co-operated with the Birmingham-based Research Centre for the Visually Handicapped in the 18-month period it took to develop the technology.

According to Mr Jeffreys, "For many partially sighted people it is often easier to read a visual display screen which emits light than a book where the black print tends to merge into the white page."

Viewbooks has one other advantage over the traditional reading media for the blind, like Braille. The big disadvantage with Braille and big-print books is that they are bulky and require a loty of storage space. Viewbooks data can be output to hard copy using software running a Braille embosser.

For the physically handicapped, the project has another advantage. Turning the pages of a book for someone physically disabled can be an almost impossible task. But by pressing a single key a physically disabled person can read through a book, look up the index or turn to specified pages.

Information Education has demonstrated Viewbooks to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, which has given the company a grant to carry out more research.

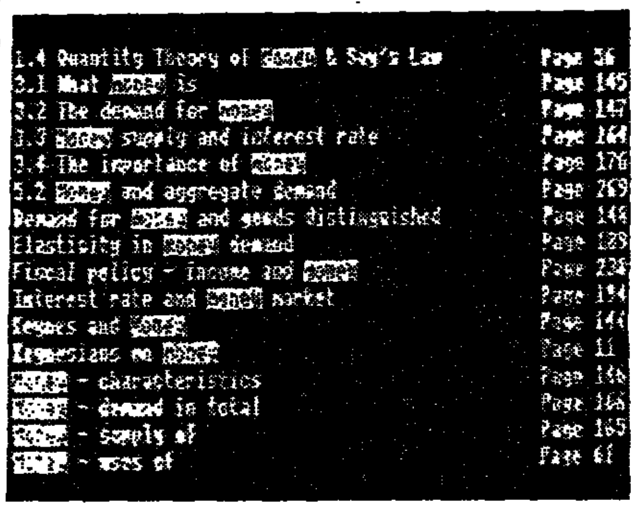
Viewbooks have a standard format to make them easier for readers. Generally the books are divided into five chapters, each of which is subdivided into five sections. Each page has a maximum of 18 lines of text per page.

Additionally the screen will contain a text and data organisation line at the top of the screen and a three-line command menu at the bottom of the page.

The commands themselves are simple one-letter keystrokes. Depressing the letter P, for example, will cause the screen to be printed. Other features include a jottings facility which allows a student to write three lines of notes per page of text and store them on a designated Jottings page.

The books also include a keyword search facility which enables a user to search through the text of an entire book to find out the author's views on a particular subject.

The discs are not copy-protected, which means they can be copied and used by several students, provided the machines are available. Each disc costs £15 and Information Education will license a particular educational site to make up to 20 copies of the disc.



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British scientist's business success

By Richard Sarson

Not often does someone switch from the higher reaches of government research to start a computer company, particularly in the speculative world of parallel processing. Yet this is what Dr Geoffrey Manning, former director of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell, has done.

In December, he became chairman of AMT (Active Memory Technology), a new venture capital company, which has been formed to exploit ICL's Distributed Array Processor, the DAP.

The DAP was Britain's first parallel processor, introduced in 1976. It was 10 years' ahead of its time, but never fitted well into ICL's mainly commercial product range, being a superfast scientific engine.

AMT, to give it wider international appeal, is linking new models on the DAP to DEC's bestselling VAX minicomputer and the Sun work stations. Dr Manning is doing this at a time when parallel processing is becoming fashionable. Though conventional computers are speeding up, their "sequential" way of working, in which the computer obeys one instruction at a time, is not suitable for some number-crunching tasks.

He is seeking more distributors

Parallel processors can operate on massive arrays of data at once, rather like the human nervous system. A normal computer has a data highway of 32 bits, whereas the DAP can process 1,024 bits at once. There is no bottle-neck between the processors and the memory. This is what Dr Manning means by "active memory".

It does not help if all you want to do is the payroll, but is necessary for simulating aerodynamic or fluid flows or neural networks. The very high speeds are also essential for processing visual images, for instance, rotating models of complex molecules, as part of designing advanced specialized drugs. It can also be used to search for big files of text at up to 1,000 million characters a second.

Geoffrey Manning: from Government company to commercial entrepreneur

Dr Manning will initially be marketing the DAP in the UK, from AMT's Reading headquarters, and in the US from his American subsidiary in Irvine, California. He is looking for European distributors. Nineteen of the older machines are already installed, with 1,000 academic users. His task will be to widen this customer base from the academic and research community into industry. He will be relying on their existing customers and outside software houses to develop applications.

He is entering a fiercely competitive marketplace. Already about 20 manufacturers are making parallel machines. Some, such as Sequent and Concurrent, link only a handful of processors, and are not therefore "massively parallel" like the DAP with its 1024 one-bit processors. Others, like the Connection Machine, go up to 65,536 processors — at more than $1 million, as opposed to DAP's £150,000.

Many of these machines are powered by standard Intel or Motorola chips and can get economies of scale. Intel, for instance, announced last week an interconnected "hypercube" of 128 of the Intel 32-bit, 80386 microprocessors all working in parallel.

Some, like the Meiko, use a British world-beating parallel device, the Inmos Transputer. These will use parallel programming languages like Inmos's Occam, which allow several processes to access any of the data at the same time. This is known as multiple input to multiple data (Mimd), whereas DAP uses more conventional programming to give "single input to multiple data" (Simd).

The proponents of Mimd contend that Simd is not true parallelism, and is not suitable for tasks with irregular data structures as in artificial intelligence, but Dr Manning claims that Mimd reduces the connectivity of the arrays of processors, and makes programming too complex.

The DAP keeps programming simple by using a version of the standard scientific language Fortran, which takes advantage of the DAP's parallelism, and in matrix arithmetic even halves the number of Fortran statements.

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Shelling out for a system which shows up your cleverness

THE EXPERTS

By Chris Naylor

Of all the branches of artificial intelligence it is expert systems which have most caught the attention of the business user.

Robotics, vision systems, natural language processing and the other elements of this arcane science might make the headlines but expert systems have one, vital, business ingredient, that they are available in a genuinely useful form now.

Each year they are becoming steadily more available and steadily more useful.

Originally developed almost as an intellectual exercise, the whole idea behind an expert system is that the special skill of some human expert might be encapsulated in a computer program, to be made available to others at the press of a key on a computer's keyboard.

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The only snag was that the methods of implementing such ideas often lead researchers into arcane byways of their own. Excellent expert systems methodologies were developed which proved to be useful — but only if the application area suited them.

Researchers led into arcane byways

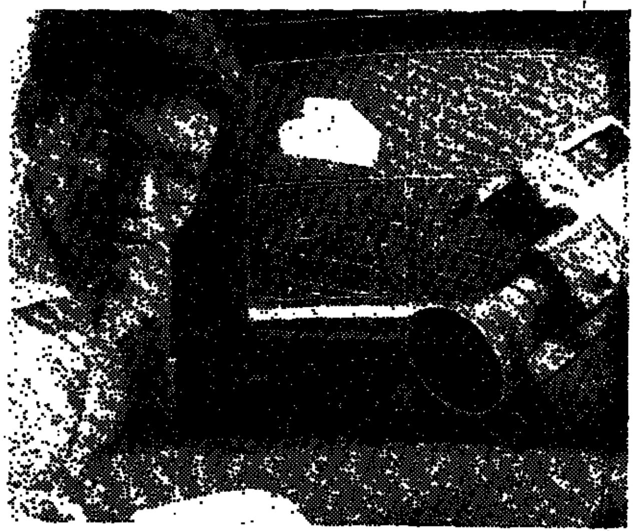
The design of the systems was not truly driven by users' needs. Instead, users' needs had to match the systems that were available.

But over the past year this situation has changed with expert systems products becoming more distinctly tailored to the needs of the busines community. And to satisfy these needs, there are two different ways in which expert systems are to be sold.

First, it is possible to sell an expert system which embodies human expertise in a specific subject.

Second, it is possible to sell an expert system shell which, as sold, embodies no expertise whatsoever but can be readily set up by the user to contain whatever expertise the user wishes.

● *Chris Naylor is the author of* Build Your Own Expert System. *A second edition of the book for IBM PC's and compatibles has just been published by Sigma Pres at £11 95*



The search for intelligent computer vision systems with potentially wide use, spanning industrial robotics and the military, has taxed many a researcher. The problem lies in getting computers to understand complex images via cameras but Mr Van-Duc Nguyen, shown here, works for the US General Electric and says he has made a breakthrough that will enable computers to analyse images much more quickly and reliably

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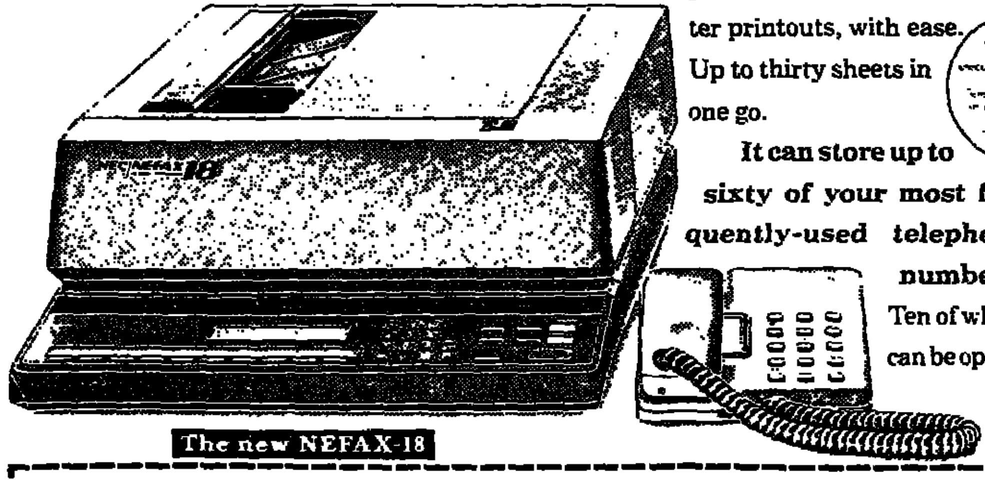

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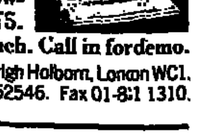

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A guide to career opportunities

Tableaux which bring the public 1588 and all that

"I'm a pacifist," said Jack Lohman as he came to the last scene in the new exhibition on the Queen's Regiment at Dover Castle. Here's the Army in Northern Ireland: soldier with gun to the ready. On the wall is the slogan "Brits Out", and an A has been daubed on the corrugated iron. "That's for anarchy."

English Heritage, who own the castle, and employ Jack as their exhibitions and museums officer, gave him freedom of expression to create tableaux spanning the centuries.

Visitors board a creaking 18th century vessel carrying soldiers to war and reeking of tarred ropes. Seagulls screech. Onlookers peer into a mess room in 19th century India, where two portly colonels consume brandy. A tape explains that era. On the battle front, we pass from a tent in the Crimea to a first aid post in a First World War trench. A Vickers gun fires, adding to the stench of battle, which confronts all senses. Jack reveals the awfulness of war.

At 27, he's among the younger generation of designers working in a theatrical tradition — giving the public the chance to see "stone walls come alive," and imbibe history through entertainment. More people visit museums than go to football matches.

In 1987 they expect at least as much drama in museums, from Wigan Pier to Land's End, as on the pitch. Britain has 2,500 museums, with a new one opening almost daily. Yet, strangely enough, there is no established career ladder into designing displays.

Jack is unusual by any standards. His parents were both architects, specializing in exhibitions, and encouraged his interest in ancient buildings and his drawing talent. He read fine arts, with medieval architecture as a prime component, at the University of East Anglia. He researched church architecture in northern Poland at the height of Solidarity; lectured on English gothic in eastern Germany, wrote his thesis on the architecture of western Pomerania in the Middle Ages in Lecce, Italy; worked on radio progammes and lectured for the British Council. He speaks five languages, including Japanese.

For a brief spell after his exotic, academic career, he worked with commercial designers. Next came the chance to join the newly-created government offshoot, English Heritage, two years ago. "I was in seventh heaven, getting this opportunity: I thought I might be too young." His first job was designing interpretive weather-proof, vandal-proof panels for roofless Scarborough Castle.

We met in his Marlborough Street office: "I came back from looking at Crusader castles in Israel and Syria yesterday", he said before launching into plans for the celebrations for the 400th anniversary of the Armada next year.

"The main exhibition will be at Tilbury Castle, with scenes on the background to events, explaining how the Spanish were enriched by Peruvian gold mines; showing Elizabethan interiors and a full ship scene; inside and out."

With 450 properties, he can only tackle about three projects a year; other jobs are farmed out. The rewards for such responsibility are in the cliché phrase job satisfaction. "I can combine my thirst for art history with my thirst for display," he says.

He works from 8.30 am until 5.30 pm, and reads up (currently the Spanish Armada) after jogging. Take-home pay is about £570 a month. Prospects include taking exhibitions to Japan and America — "Heritage on Tour".

Pat Read is one of Jack's gurus. She is half of the Robin Wade and Pat Read Design Partnership, with a staff of about 10 andoffices above a ship yard on Eel Pie Island in The Thames. She started at the top: "At 19 I had a season at Glynebourne, doing props, head-dresses and masks." The year before she had worked on props at the Oxford Playhouse (but failed to complete the Kingston School of Art interior design degree course). Next came three children, befoe she joined Robin, and became a partner in 1981.

Museums have more visitors than football matches and those who can create a living image of the past in historical displays are in demand, says **Ann Hills**

Her successes include a farming museum in Yorkshire, the Mary Rose display and museums about Fox Talbot and Dickens. "Ironbridge Open Air Museum was one of the special ones — a lot was to do with their positive attitude towards us." She worked on various aspects from signposting to publications.

More recently she's made an outstanding impact with the Wigan Pier exhibition protraying life in a Lancashire town, circa 1900, including a trip to the seaside complete with donkey (a witty joke: the Pier, of course, was a coaling pier).

The task starts with outlining what is to be displayed where, and from there begins to take shape with model makers, animation specialists and artists among the talents drawn into action. Pat sees herself as an enabler, from the earliest stages. "Displays are evolutionary, with pooled ideas growing to interpret a story". Original artefacts may be insufficient. "At Wigan I rescued the interior of a pub being pulled down — just what we wanted".

Her next job could be a museum on the golden age of passenger liners in old terminal buildings in Southampton. The Wade-Read Partnership has "a huge workload", including overseas jobs. The problem is that advertisements for new recruits, for graphic and 3-D designers, have brought forth disapointing applicants. "Maybe art students don't think broadly enough."

Another of Pat's admirers is a distinguished civil servant, Giles Velarde, who heads the four-strong design team at the Geological Museum, where he has been since 1974. "The Museum was built in 1935 — the year I was born."

He arrived here via National Service in the Royal Navy, Chelsea Art School and a spell with Central Office of Information doing prestige shows and a few trade fairs around the world: "Ulster '71 was amazingly successful, but it did not change history.

My role here is between the academics and scientists, and the general public. The latter, saturated with two-dimensional film and television, now demand 3-D displays. They want to see the real thing — scale, taste, smell. I popularize, not vulgarise, esoteric subjects.

"Just look at Treasures of the Earth: an exhibition you can view at several levels, from room sets and showcases, to following through the whole cycle of, say, clay on touch-sensitive, high-tech display units. Our next big project is the British Offshore Oil and Gas exhibition — almost transporting the public to an oil platform."

Giles, who has made a secondary career in lecturing (on the interior design course at Kingston Polytechnic and in France), is the author of a comprehensive guide to designing exhibitions, from initial story line to special effects, being published by the Design Council next April.

The problem for others following in his footsteps is the lack of an academic entry into museum and exhibition design. "We are missing a really serious degree course — the one at Hull College of Higher Education leads to a BTech." A useful summary of what is provided is contained in Design Council's Design Courses in Britain 1987.

The next problem is an inadequate professional structure, so newcomers gain experience where they can. The work is there: the top designers are overstretched, but their assistants have to have appropriate flair and skills in an age when the public demand excitement and education combined.

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Please send career details quoting reference R350/420 to: Sue Davies, Intereurope Technology Services Plc, Intereurope House, 19-21 Denmark Street, Wokingham, Berks. RG11 2QX. Or phone Sue Davies or Meg Chambers on (0734) 786644 daytime, or 24 hrs on (0734) 775616.

INTEREUROPE

TWO SALES REPRESENTATIVES

HBM Limited is the marketing arm of the Bollmann Group of companies which designs, manufactures and markets a range of peripherals and accessories for mini and mainframe computers. Although U.K. based, the company's products are marketed internationally through a network of distributors and dealers. The Group is dedicated to excellence in all its activities and to continue its very high rate of expansion now seeks two additional representatives to appoint and service new distributors and dealers in the London/S.East (based in Teddington) and Northern areas of U.K.

Candidates will be educated to A level standard or above and ideally have computer related sales experience or a background of customer support in an electronics company. Probably in the age range 25-40, the appointees will have the qualities necessary to identify opportunities and bring them to fruition through patient and skilful negotiation from start to finish. In addition the Northern Representative will be largely responsible for setting up a new sales office.

A competitive remuneration package will be offered including a good basic salary, excellent commission, Mercedes car and other fringe benefits. Opportunities for career progression in this fast growing environment are excellent and the company is committed to development of individuals through an ongoing programme of training.

Interested candidates should forward a C.V. and brief covering letter explaining the relevance of their experience. Alternatively, for a short informal telephone discussion, contact:-

Marketing Director, H. Bollman Marketing Limited, Bridge House, 74c Broad Street, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8QT. Tel: 01-943-4277.

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The Secretariat of the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT in Luxembourg

is holding an open competition for the recruitment of (m/f) English-speaking

EP PE

TYPISTS

Principal conditions of eligibility:

☐ certificate of secondary level education (lower secondary, commercial, technical or professional studies) or *equivalent professional experience;*

☐ at least two years' practical experience as a typist;

☐ *thorough knowledge of English and satisfactory* knowledge of a second official language of the European Community (Danish, Dutch, French, German, Modern Greek, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese);

☐ nationality of one of the Member States of the European Community;

☐ age: between 18 and 35 (born before 6 october 1969 and after 5 october 1951).

The European Parliament's recruitment policy is designed to ensure equality of opportunity for men and women in all posts.

To obtain the issue of the Official Journal containing all the *necessary information, please write, preferably on a post-*card, **quoting reference PE/102/C,** to:

☐ *European Parliament Information Office, Queen Anne's* Gate 2, LONDON SW1H 9AA.

or

☐ European Parliament, Recruitment Service, L-2929 LUXEMBOURG.

(Applicants are requested to print their names and addresses in block capitals).

Completed applications on the form provided in the Official Journal should be sent to:

☐ European Parliament, Recruitment Service, L-2929 LUXEMBOURG.

Closing date for applications: 5 October 1987.

AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD RESEARCH COUNCIL (AFRC)

DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL DISEASE RESEARCH

£30,344-£31,844 (From 1 October 1987)

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Animal Disease Research, in *succession to Professor Peter Biggs* CBE FRS, who retires in August 1988.

The person appointed will be directly responsible to the Secretary to the AFRC for all aspects of animal disease and animal health research and, in particular, for the work of the constituent laboratories of the AFRC Institute for Animal Disease Research. The laboratories are at Compton (nr Newbury), Pirbright (nr Guildford) and Houghton (nr Huntingdon). The Director will also be responsible for the AFRC/MRC Neuropathogenesis Unit at the University of Edinburgh. *The post will be based at the Compton* Laboratory. The annual budget is about £8m, *approx. 560 staff are employed.*

The Director will serve on the *AFRC Management Board and will take a full* part in the corporate activities of the Council.

Candidates should be highly qualified in a science relevant to animal disease research with a distinguished record in research and considerable experience at a senior level in research management.

Non contributory pension scheme.

The successful candidate may qualify for assistance with removal expenses.

The AFRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Further particulars and application forms can be obtained from Mr. J M Y Dickens, Chief Personnel Officer, AFRC, 160 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6DT (01-580 6655 ext 258), to whom completed applications should be returned by 23 October 1987.

AFRC

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

PRESIDENT

Following the resignation of the President, Dr. K.B. Griffin, the College will seek a successor (either a man or woman) to take up office on 1st July, 1988, or as soon as possible thereafter. Anyone who may wish to be considered is invited to write by 9th October, in strict confidence, for further particulars to:

The Vice-President,
Magdalen College,
Oxford.
OX1 4AU.

The College also will welcome suggestions of names of suitable persons who may not see this announcement.

CAMBERWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

King's College Hospital Manpower Assistant

£6,619 - £7,757 pa inc.

To assist with the development of Manpower Planning Systems, including a computerised data base for employees.

You must be numerate, possess analytical skills and be able to present and explain statistical information clearly, using computers where necessary. Relevant work experience is an advantage, as is a knowledge of a *microcomputer* language and applications of software.

Hours: 36 per week.

Job description and application form available from Unit Personnel Department, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS, Tel: 01 274 6222 Ext. 2254/ *2751 quoting Ref. No. B/9897.*

Closing Date 16th September 1987.

CAMBERWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY: WORKING TOWARDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Due to the forthcoming retirement of the present incumbent, the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences wishes to appoint a successor responsible to its Council for the administrative functions of the services to its 17,000 members.

The Institute is the professional body for medical laboratory *scientists, a large proportion of whom are employed in the* National Health Service.

The successful applicant will be able to undertake all company secretarial practice, together with effective communication with outside bodies such as government ministers, officers of other professional bodies, specialist news media and public relations organisations.

Experience and qualifications in one or more of the following areas would be appropriate:

company secretaryship, medical science, public relations, health service management, legal administration and personnel management.

Salary negotiable but not less than £30,000 depending on *qualifications and experience.*

Further details are obtainable from:

The President
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
12 Queen Anne Street
London W1M 0AU

Closing date for applications 9th October, 1987.

CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL

An Equal Opportunities Employer

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER (ESS)

Falkirk College of Technology
POII £14,793 - £15,981
35 hour, 5 day week, Monday to Friday

A vacancy exists for an energetic, enthusiastic person to fill the above Key Post. *Applications are invited from* persons holding a relevant degree, preferably at honours level, who have experience in the operation of a *computer-based management information* system.

Ideally, the successful applicant would have gained experience in the design and implementation of computer-based systems in an educational environment. The person appointed will be responsible for all aspects associated with *the mainframe installation,* currently on IBM 4361 operating under VM/CMS.

Application form and further details are obtainable from the Director of Education, Viewforth, Stirling and should be returned to this office by 28th September, 1987.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TRAINING PROGRAMME POST QUALIFICATION PART TIME TRAINING COURSE COMMENCING JANUARY 1988 INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH, LONDON AND THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN GREAT ORMOND STREET, LONDON

Applications will be invited from experienced practitioners in the fields of social work, psychology, psychiatry and community medicine for a twelve months post qualification training programme in intra-familial child sexual abuse

The aims of the programme are to enhance the assessment and treatment skills in child sexual abuse for a limited number of experienced professionals, and to assist those professionals in the development of training for others in their own communities.

The course will commence January 1988 and consist of two days per week for 12 months: one study day and one day in a placement involving direct clinical work with children and families in existing child *sexual abuse training programmes in the Midlands and the south.*

Tuition and placement costs are covered by the DHSS. The travel and subsistence expenses will be met by the trainee's home agency.

For prospectus and application form please contact:

Mrs. Jenny Still
Project Coordinator
Child Sexual Abuse Training Programme
Department of Psychological Medicine
Hospital for Sick Children,
Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JH
Telephone 01-405 9200 Ext. 8620

Closing date, Friday October 16th.

CAMBERWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Management/ Development Training Officer

to £20,000 (Scale 27)

Camberwell Health Authority, which comprises 3 Units (The Dulwich Hospitals, Community/Priority Care & *King's College Hospital)* covers the Inner London areas of East Lambeth & South Southwark and provides a service to diverse ethnic groups who make up the local community. We have around 5,800 employees and a budget of some £74m, and have recently implemented *our revised management structures* which include the appointment of Unit General Managers and senior support staff.

Reporting to the Director of Personnel you will be responsible for the establishment and implementation of comprehensive training and management development programmes. The initial emphasis will be on programmes for the general *managers and the development of an* Annual Training Programme.

Educated to degree level you must be a self starter with the drive and enthusiasm to make a major contribution to the development of the *Authority's employees. You will have a* record of experience and demonstrable success in management development within a large organisation.

This is a newly created position which offers excellent opportunities for further *career advancement.*

Informal discussion contact Peter Rankin, Director of Personnel on 274 6222 Ext. 2701.

Application form and job description obtainable from Unit Personnel Department, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS, or telephone Ext. 2751.

Closing Date: 14th October 1987.

LEGAL

WEST SUSSEX MAGISTRATES' COURTS COMMITTEE

MID – SUSSEX
PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION

APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK

(SALARY: CC/PAD 11 -15
(£12,414 - £ 13,917)
Pay Award Pending)

Applications for this position are invited from persons qualified as barristers, solicitors or in accordance with the Justices' Clerks (Qualification of Assistants) Rules 1979. The succesful applicant will be required to take *all types of court regularly without supervisio and to* undertake certain adminisrative duties. He or she must hold a full current driving licence.

The Mid-Sussex Division has a population of 123,000 with two Court houses and one administrative centre at Haywards Heath. The officers are fully computerised and a new court building programme is currently underway.

The post offers scope and opportunity to gain experience of a small yet busy Division with varied workload. A relocation allowance and assistance with removal expenses will be paid in appropriate cases. The post is superannuable and subject to J.N.C. Conditons of Service.

Applications marked " Confidential" giving full details of age, qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of two referees should reach me by the 25th of September 1987.

ROBERT L STENT
Solicitor,
CLERK TO THE JUSTICES
The Court Houses, Boltro Road
Haywards Heath, West Sussex
RH 16 1BZ

County Secretary

Articled Clerk

Salary Scale - £7659-£10,647pa
Hours: 37 hrs per week flextime
Location: County Hall, Bedford

Applications are invited for the above post within the Department's Legal Division. Applicants will receive suitable experience *and training in all aspects of the varied and* interesting legal work of the County Council.

Applications are invited from candidates holding a good Honours degree, who have passed, or expect to pass, the Law Society's Final Examination.

***How to apply: Forms of application and* further particulars obtainable from Head of Manpower Services, County Hall, Bedford.**

Closing Date: 16 October 1987

The Council is an equal opportunities employer, and welcomes applications from members of ethnic minority groups, disabled persons and all other sections of the community.

Bedfordshire
A Nuclear Free Zone

INNER LONDON MAGISTRATES' COURTS SERVICE

Deputy Chief Clerks

Applications are invited from BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS called or admitted in England, for employment as Deputy Chief Clerks in the Inner London Magistrates' Courts Service. Previous experience in a Magistrates' Court will be taken into account but is not essential.

The starting salary is £14,021 pa rising by annual increments to £19,437 pa. In addition a London Weighting of £1,395 pa is payable. All rates are currently under review.

For an application form and further particulars write quoting reference to:

DCC/T, The Principal Chief Clerk, Inner London Magistrates' Courts Service, Third Floor, North West Wing, Bush House, Aldwych WC2B 4PJ

Completed applications forms must be received by 25 September.

Interviews of shortlisted applicants will take place on 12 and 13 November.

THE SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

LEGAL

WEST SUSSEX MAGISTRATES COURTS COMMITTIEE MID-SUSSEX DIVISION

APPOINTMENT OF GRADUATE TRAINEE

(TRAINEE GRADE:
SALARY UP TO £ 7,155
(pay award pending)

A vacancy arises in the office of *the clerk to the* Justices for the above division and offers an excellent opportunity to a young person wishing to embark on a career in the magisterial service. Preference will be given to law graduates holding the qualifications of solicitor or barrister.

The starting point on the salary scale will be commensurate with qualifications and experience; and J.N.C. Conditions of Service will apply.

Applications marked 'confidential' stating age, education and qualifications, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should *reach the undersigned not later than* the 25th of September 1987.

ROBERT L STENT
SOLICITOR
CLERK TO THE JUSTICES
The Court House
Boltro Road, Haywards Heath,
West Sussex, RH16 1BZ

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIETE INTELLECTUELLE

The World Intellectual Property Organization (a Specialized Agency of the United Nations) has *an opening at its headquarters in Geneva,* Switzerland, for a

SPECIALIST IN PATENT LAW AND RELATED TREATIES

to head the Industrial Property Law Section.

Candidates must have a university degree in law, or equivalent legal training; extensive experience in industrial property law, preferably including experience at the international level; excellent English and good knowledge of French; be under the age of 55.

Send detailed résumé (with photograph), quoting reference P703 (A), by October 30th 1987, to:

The Personnel Section, World Intellectual Property Organization, 34 Chemin des Colombettes, CH-1211 Geneva 20, (Switzerland).

SOLICITOR

Grade POA £13,890 p.a. -£15,507 p.a.
OR POB £15,900 p.a. - £17,511 p.a. inclusive.

(Starting salary is dependant upon qualifications and experience) Required for a busy Legal Department in a large London Borough to undertake a wide variety of work over the whole field of the *councils functions, with emphasis on child care law* and litigation at all levels.

Candidates must have a positive and constructive approach and be able to work without supervision. Whilst knowledge of Local Goverment Law would be *advantageous it is not essential.*

You may be entitled to relocation expenses which will include 100% legal fees involved for house sale and purchase, 100% removal expenses, temporary lodging allowance plus a settling in allowance of £923 in respect of incidental expenses incurred.

Application form and information packages are *available from the* Personnel Division, Civic Centre, Uxbridge, *Middlesex, UB8 1UW.* Telephone Uxbridge 50589 (24 hour answering service available). Please quote Reference Number LA/14/42XE. Closing date 18 September 1987.

HILLINGDON
THE WEST LONDON BOROUGH

Hillingdon as an equal opportunities employer welcomes applications from candidates irrespective of race, sex, marital status, age, sexual orientation or disability.

TECHNICAL

CASTLE POINT DISTRICT COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER DESIGNATE

At a salary of £19,776 - £21,753 p.a. on terms and conditions of the JNC for Chief Officers

In either case a car will be provided free of charge for the *Officer's exclusive* use.

The Chief Planning Officer is to retire at the end of October 1987 and *applications are invited from* experienced and qualified Town Planners for the post of Chief Planning Officer Designate.

The person appointed will be responsible for advising the Council on all matters relating to its functions as a district *planning and building* control authority. These functions are administered by the Town Planning Committee under powers delegated by the council. The duties involve the *direction, organisation* and management of the Planning Department which has an establishment of 27.

The district is on the northern bank of the Thames Estuary. It has an area of *some 17.5 square miles and a* population of 87,000. The developed area is largely residential and the intervening countryside, which includes Hadleigh Castle Country *Park is almost entirely within the* metropolitan green belt. There are expanding holiday and recreational uses along the waterfront with some marine associated industries and the adjoining creeks and saltings include an extensive area of special scientific *interest.* The whole area is under insensive pressure for development and there are a number of unusual planning problems requiring solution.

There were nearly *1400 applications for planning* permission and a similar number of applications under Building Regulations during the last year.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained upon request by writing or by telephoning, South Benfleet (0268) 792711 extension 115.

Applicants who have previously applied for the post will be considered and need not renew their applications. Completed applications should be returned to the undersigned by the 19th October 1987.

A.R.Neighbour
Chief Executive and Clerk of the Council
Council Offices, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1TF.

10th September, 1987.

The Science and Engineering Research Council

'LOGIC FOR IT' INITIATIVE CO-ORDINATOR

A part-time co-ordinator is required for a special initiative in Logic for Information Technology which is to be launched this Autumn.

The aim of the initiative, which is expected to last 5-6 years, will be to promote joint research between those working in the separate fields of logic and of information technology in order to put IT on a rigorous, theoretical foundation.

The co-ordinator, preferably with experience in both areas, will oversee the initiative and advise the Management Panel on its operation. He/she will liaise with academics, industry and SERC to encourage research proposals, *and co-ordinate and* publicise the *initiative.*

The appointment will initially be for three years on a part-time basis, with the possibility of *annual renewal. Salary open to negotiation* but based on Grade 6 of the Civil Service pay scales. Application, by CV and covering letter, to:

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Miss R L [illegible], IT Directorate,
Science & Engineering Research Council,
Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon SN2 1ET
Telephone: 0793 26222 exts [illegible] & 2272

to arrive no later than 15th October 1987.

Further details on request.

Interviews will be held in October or November 1987.

An early appointment is desired; applicants should state availability.

MAIDSTONE HEALTH AUTHORITY

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ESTATE

Scale 23 A & C or equivalent
£13,689 - £17,275 (pay award pending)

We invite applications from candidates who are able to demonstrate relevant experience and proven ability to take a leading role in developing and implementing the Authority's capital plan and Estates strategy.

The primary functions of the post will be to provide planning *expertise and leadership to unit and District Officer,* and to develop and control a robust capital programme. Previous experience is essential as you will need to be familiar with *objective setting, definition of schemes,* option and investment appraisal. Estate planning, capricode planning process, and evaluation of capital projects.

The post is based at District Headquarters, Preston Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

For an informal discussion please contact Roger Townsend, Director of Planning and Estate. Maidstone (0622) 70161 ext. 2015.

***It is hoped that interviews will be conducted on the 2* day period 21st and 22nd October 1987.**

Closing date: 2nd October 1987

THE PALLADIO ACADEMY

The Palladio Academy will present from 5 October *1987 new modular course in* INTERIOR DESIGN, INTERIOR DESIGN DRAWING AND PRESENTATION, SPECIAL MODULAR COURSES, HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN.

EVENING COURSES (Part-Time) are also available in many of the above areas.

These courses may be taken at 1, 5, 10 and larger numbers of weekly modules.

Modular programmes of study are individually designed with each Student.

For a prospectus and further details please write to The Registrar Admissions Secretary, The Palladio Academy, 39 Connaught Square, London W2 2HL. Telephone 723-1761 (*24 answering service*).

Royal Institute of British Architects

Director-General

£45,000 plus

The RIBA, *which has recently undergone a radical review,* seeks to appoint a Director-General to implement its professional reorganisation and enable it to focus more sharply on improving the services to its *27,000 members and* enhancing its influence on improving the environment in the widest sense.

Reporting to the President and Council, the Director-General will control a staff of 127 and be accountable for an income of £3.5m.

The appointed candidate will be able to demonstrate a successful record of management at top level; an ability to achieve results in a high profile role; and be able to com*municate with the RIBA's members, staff and public.*

The salary is negotiable from £45,000 but salary will not be a bar to the appointment *of* the right *candidate.*

Candidates, or those wishing to nominate candidates, are invited *to write,* marking envelopes "DG – in confidence", to The President, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD.

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☎ 01-481 1066 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS ☎ 01-481 1066

TECHNICAL

We care about our buildings — DO YOU?

The council owns some 16,000 dwellings, 120 schools, together with libraries, recreation premises, administrative offices and other public buildings. It is the Council's policy to maintain these buildings to the best possible standards and it has a Building Maintenance Group charged with this responsibility. This Group of professional and technical staff are seeking others to join them in this satisfying and responsible task.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE TEAM

Senior Surveyor

Responsible for a team of four Surveyors plus Mechanical/Electrical Engineers looking after half the Council's housing stock. (Ref. C.608).

Surveyor or Technical Assistant

To form part of a team looking after Council housing. (Ref. C.686).

Mechanical Engineer or Technical Assistant

To organise and supervise contractors undertaking the maintenance and repair to central heating systems and resolve problems with tenants. (Ref. C.684).

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TEAM

Surveyor or Technical Assistant

To form part of a team undertaking the preparation of large maintenance building projects and will involve design, tender preparation and contract supervision. (Ref. C630).

Electrical Engineer or Technical Assistant

To join the electrical team providing advice, design, tender preparation and contract supervision affecting all Council buildings. (Ref. C.658).

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE TEAM

Surveyor or Technical Assistant

To assist a Senior Surveyor in the maintenance of educational and public buildings. (Ref. C.654).

■ **Senior Surveyor**	—up to £15,039
■ **Surveyors, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers**	—up to £14,244
■ **Technical Assistant**	—up to £13,620

Appointments will be up to the salaries quoted subject to suitable qualifications and/or experience.

Senior Surveyors, Surveyor; Mechanical and Electrical Engineers require a qualification in a relevant discipline plus experience at similar duties. The Technical Assistants require a wider depth of experience possibly from the practical aspects of the building industry.

If you require any further information contact Mark Lemon, Maintenance Co-ordinator, on 01-464 3333 Ext. 5603.

For an application form please contact Chief Personnel Officer, Bromley Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH. Tel. 290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date 2nd October 1987.

Bromley

THE LONDON BOROUGH

HEALTH CARE

IVAC UK

CLINICAL EDUCATOR

IVAC have created a new position within the UK for a Clinical Educator. This position is a first for IVAC UK and as such, offers an exciting opportunity to create a new role within the Company.

IVAC have actively encouraged and participated in all types of educational activities designed to increase the Medical/Nursing professions knowledge of IV control. This person's primary role will be to increase this awareness.

The successful applicant must:

A. Be a State Registered Nurse with experience in both Adult and Paediatric ITUs.
B. Have had successful training experience.
C. Have good interpersonal skills.
D. Be prepared to reside near Basingstoke.

The position will involve:

A. Responsibility for liaising with Medical and Nursing Associations throughout the UK.
B Training Company employees.
C. Co-ordination of Medical Exhibitions.
D. Gathering and diseminating new practices relating to IV control.

IVAC will negotiate a very attractive package to ensure we get the right person for this very important position. This will include a company car, non-contributory pension scheme, low cost BUPA contributions etc.

If you think you meet these criteria, please ask for an application form from: Miss Tracy Wilmott, Secretary to General Manager, IVAC intec 2 Building, Wade Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire. Tel: (0256) 474455 ext 26.

RADIOGRAPHY

We have vacancies on both Diagnostic and Therapeutic training courses commencing in October 1987, for candidates with GCE Examinations in 5 'O' Level subjects and 2 'A' Level subjects (making up to 4 points).

If you think you may be interested in this 3 year vocational training and you want a demanding and satisfying career with a professional qualification recognised throughout the world – write or telephone for further information:

OXFORD REGIONAL SCHOOL OF RADIOGRAPHY

Closing date: 30th September 1987

The Principal
Oxford Regional School of Radiography
Academic Centre
John Radcliffe Hospital
Headington
Oxford
OX3 9DU

Tel: Oxford (0865) 817362

SOUTH WEST SURREY HEALTH AUTHORITY
ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL

The royal Surrey County Hospital encompasses the Acute Unit of the South West Surrey Health Authority and offers a modern environment in close proximity to the University of Surrey and Guildford Town.

Staff also enjoy the benefits of a comprehensive continuing education department.

We have vacancies for:-

SISTER: Full Time Sister required for the Surgical Unit. This will involve rotation to Night Duty.

SISTER: Two FULL TIME Sisters are required for Night Duty. One for the SURGICAL UNIT and one for the MEDICAL UNIT.

STAFF NURSES: We have vacancies for STAFF NURSES in the Orthopaedics Surgical, Medical Theatres.

ENROLLED NURSES: We have vacancies for ENROLLED NURSES in Orthopaedics Surgical and Medical Units.

For further details of the above posts please contact: Miss L. Watts, Assistant Director of Nursing Services, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford, Surrey. Tel: GUILDFORD (0483) 571122 Ext 4050.

Closing date for reciept of complete application forms 25th September 1987.

South West Surrey Health Authority

RCM **The Royal College of Midwives**
15 Mansfield Street, London W1M 0BE
Tel. 01-580 6523/4/5 & 01-637 8823

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER – REPRESENTING MIDWIVES

The Royal College of Midwives is the professional organisation/trade union for midwives, and has approximately 27,000 midwives in its membership.

The College has recently created an additional Industrial relations Officer position. The person appointed will be one of a team of nine officers negotiating at both local and national level and she/he will have specific responsibility for three health authorities in England. The position is based at RCM's Headquarters in London.

The successful candidate is likely to have had extensive experience of industrial relations in the NHS and/or as a full-time trade union representative. Good communication skills and the ability to negotiate effectively at all levels are essential. A midwifery or nursing background would be a distinct advantage.

Salary range: £15,220 to £18,490 (plus £1,201 London Weighting currently under review).

Informal visits may be arranged by telephoning Miss Sheila McIlroy, Director of Industrial Relations, on 01-580 6523, ext 224.

A Job Description and Application Form may be obtained from the Administrative Officer at the above address or by telephoning 01-580 6523, ext 201 or 215.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday, September 30, 1987.

FINANCE

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER

£15,000 - £20,000

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is seeking a Senior Finance Officer suitably qualified to manage and administer the College's financial affairs and to head its Finance Department (seven staff). The Senior Finance Officer will be responsible to the Secretary and will report to the Treasurer on all financial matter. In addition, the Senior Finance Officer will be expected to liaise with other Honorary Officers and Departmental Heads.

Please apply in writing, enclosing a curriculum vitae, to: The Secretary, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG, by 24 September, 1987. Non-Smoker preferred.

ASSISTANT ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

★ CAREER GRADE TO £11,805 ★

If you have at least 5 GCE passes including one at A level, but preferably a degree in computing or a related discipline, this job should interest you.

You will be involved in assisting in the support and development of computer applications on the Department's PRIME 9955 mini, IBM PCs, and the County's shared IBM 3083 mainframe. Programming languages include FOTRAN 77, Databax and 4GLs, and BASIC. Use is also made of LOTUS 123, dBASE, SPSS-X, and CAD software. Your other duties will be to assist in the day to day operation of the PRIME 9955, and to advise users on the use of the computer facilities.

You will be working in an attractive part of the Country as well as having the following employment benefits.

- ★ Substantial relocation package available where appropriate.
- ★ The opportunity to participate in the BCS Professional Development training scheme.
- ★ Excellent conditions of service with up to 25 days holiday and 11 public holidays.
- ★ Good wide ranging experience of computer services in a major technical department.

Application by form only, available with further details from the Director of Personnel Services, PO Box 270, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol, BS99 7HE, or telephone Bristol 298565 (Ansaphone on this number after office hours).

Please quote reference number ENG/5371/T2 when asking for forms which must be returned by 21/9/87.

Highways and Engineering Department

Avon as an Equal Opportunities employer considers applicants on their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

Avon
COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH CARE

ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

TRAINED NURSES

Applications are invited from RGNs or SENs to work in this purpose-built 28 bed independent Hospice. Interest in Hospice care and philosophy essential. ENB 931 or 237 or previous oncology/terminal care experience desirable.

For further details/application form apply to: Maggie Fisher, Matron, St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6BH. Tel: Crawley (0293) 547333.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
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Council acted unreasonably in giving notice to hotel

Regina v Hackney London Borough Council, Ex parte Evenbray Ltd

Before Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment July 31]

It was unreasonable for a local authority to complain or seek to invoke statutory powers against the owners of a hotel which lacked the facilities of a house or flat, in which the local authority had housed homeless families as an interim measure.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review by Evenbray Ltd of the direction of the London Borough of Hackney on March 26, 1985 pursuant to section 19 of the Housing Act 1961 in fixing the highest number of individuals and households who could occupy 356 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London at nil.

Mr Lionel Read, QC and Mr William Hicks for Evenbray Ltd; Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr John Howell for Hackney.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said the facts were not in dispute. From about early 1983 for about two and a half years homeless persons were accommodated at the Royal Park Hotel at 350-356 Seven Sisters Road. His Lordship was concerned with No 356.

About 90 per cent of the homeless persons were sent by the housing department of the local authority, which paid the hotel charges. They were treated as other hotel guests but were accommodated only at No 356 and as a matter of policy the hotel did not accommodate more homeless persons than could be accommodated at that address.

On December 7, 1984 the local authority gave written notice of their intention to give a direction under section 19(1) of the Housing Act 1961 in respect of No 356 Seven Sisters Road.

In the covering letter the local authority said that they had decided the standards to apply to the premises were the houses in multiple occupation standards and not the hotel standards.

In order to seek compliance with the relevant standard, the local authority proposed to limit the number of households to the number for which amenities were available. The practical limit in most cases would be governed by the number of kitchen facilities available.

The local authority did not require anyone to be evicted if the number of households exceeded the amount prescribed in the direction but when any occupant left he was not to be replaced.

In a subsequent letter of January 22, 1985 the local authority enclosed a copy of their code of practice and in their letter stated that since there were no cooking facilities at No 356 the proposed direction stipulated nil households. On March 26, 1985 the local authority gave the direction foreshadowed in the notice: the subject matter of the case.

His Lordship rejected the submission that the premises, being part of an hotel, were not a "house" for the purposes of sections 15 and 19 of the 1961 Act. His Lordship felt bound by the line of reasoning in the Court of Appeal decision in *Reed v Hastings Corporation* ((1964) 62 LGR 588) which compelled him to accept that No 356 Seven Sisters Road was a house for the purposes of section 19 since it was a building constructed and used for human habitation.

However, his Lordship found the allegation that the direction was unreasonable was made out. A direction under section 19 could only be made for the purposes of remedying a state of affairs calling for a notice under section 15.

Such a notice could only be served if in the opinion of the local authority the condition of the house was so far defective with respect to facilities having regard to the numbers accommodated, as to have rendered it unsuitable for occupation by those persons.

There were no kitchen facilities for the use of hotel guests and neither could the local authority have expected that there would be when they asked the hotel to accommodate homeless families.

For the local authority to have then invoked the provisions of section 15 of the Act seemed patently unreasonable to his Lordship. The section was intended to deal with defective premises and as part of an hotel No 356 was not defective.

Although it was right for a local authority to be anxious to ensure that families were properly housed, if as an interim measure they chose to accommodate homeless persons in an hotel, they should not then complain or seek to invoke statutory powers because the hotel lacked the facilities of a flat or a house.

The application was therefore allowed on that ground and the direction quashed.

Solicitors: Denton, Hall, Burgin & Warrens; Mr J.M. Thomas, Hackney.

Reference to EEC before considering merits

Regina v Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and Another, Ex parte Association of Pharmaceutical Importers

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment July 30]

An application for judicial review made by the Association of Pharmaceutical Importers alleging that an official statement published on June 12, 1986, by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, as a professional body of pharmaceutical chemists, clarifying parts of the guidance notes and enforcement of the terms of service for chemists in Schedule 4 to the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (SI 1974 No 160 as amended by SI 1985 No 290) had the effect of precluding chemists from dispensing product licence (parallel import) EEC products against a prescription for United Kingdom products, was an infringement of article 30 of the EEC Treaty could be referred to the European Court of Justice pursuant to article 177 of the Treaty without considering the merits of the application under article 30 and even though there were conflicting views on the question of infringement.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the association from a decision of the Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Simon Brown) dated April 10, 1987, rejecting the association's contention that measures stated by the society and the secretary of state involved an infringement of article 30 of the Treaty.

Although before the Divisional Court the association did not apply for reference to the European Court of Justice, the Court of Appeal, on the association's application, submitted questions in the following terms:

1 Whether national rules which prohibited a pharmacist from dispensing, in response to a prescription for a product bearing a UK trade name, a therapeutically equivalent product manufactured by the same company or group of companies and authorized by the competent authorities for importation into the UK but which bore a trade name applied to that product in another member state and differing from the UK trade name, were inconsistent with article 30; and

2 If the answer was "yes", whether such national rules were justifiable under article 36 on the ground of protection of public health.

Mr David Vaughan, QC and Mr Derrick Wyatt for the association; Mr John Peppitt, QC and Mr Robert Webb for the society; Mr John Laws and Mr Nicholas Paines for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the jurisprudence of the European Court showed that it was frequently called upon to interpret provisions of the Treaty against the background of conflicting views which appeared from the submissions and evidence placed before it.

Cases on articles 30 and 36 provided particularly good examples of such situations: *Rewe-Zentral AG v Bundesmonopolverwaltung* (Case 120-78) ([1979] ECR 649); *De Kikvorsch Groothandel-Import-Export BV* (Case 94/82) ([1983] ECR 947); *Officier van Justitie v Koninklijke Kaasfabriek Eyssen BV* (Case 53/80) ([1981] ECR 409) and *Albert Heijn BV* (Case 94/83) ([1984] ECR 3263).

There were no cases known to the secretary of state and the society in which a national court had decided such question for itself before making a reference or in which a national court had declined to make a reference on the ground that the material before it contained conflicting views.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Russell agreed.

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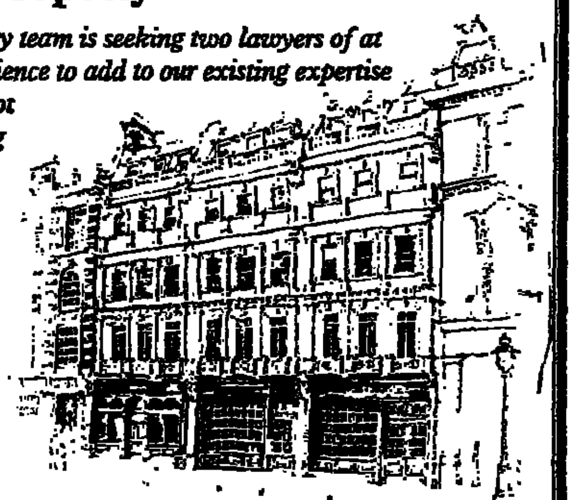

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HOCKEY

Olympic place remains in the balance for Britain

Great Britain's place in the Olympic women's hockey tournament next year is still in the balance despite the European Cup silver medal won by England at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, yesterday.

With South Korea, as host nation, and The Netherlands, as defending champions, having automatically qualified for the Olympics, there are only six other to be decided for Seoul.

The International Hockey Federation meet in Brussels next month to decide which countries will attend and the Soviet Union, who snatched the bronze medal with a 2-1 win over West Germany, could, ironically, oust Britain as one of the chosen nations.

Britain's predicament is that they lack an international track record, a fact which the England coach, Sue Slocombe, hopes will be overlooked when the final selection is decided.

"I saw the 1984 Olympics and Great Britain should have been there," she said. I think it will be very sad if they don't qualify and only hope we have done something to help them. They should be there and I am sure they will get a medal."

England's silver was almost the perfect send-off for their manager, Di Batterham, who will take charge of Britain's Olympic preparations.

A disallowed second-half goal from the penalty corner specialist, Jill Atkins, and the chance for England to go 2-1 up, left Slocombe claiming: "We were robbed."

But she added: "I think the Soviet semi-final took a lot out of us physically."

First step to Seoul

For many of Britain's leading men, the long road to next year's Olympics begins with a training weekend from October 2 to 4 at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff (Sydney Friskin writes).

From a total of 25 a squad of 16 will be selected at Cardiff for the Lada International Classic from October 9 to 11 at Luton Football Club, where the opposition will be provided by Pakistan, the Olympic champions, Poland and Malaysia.

Steve Taylor gives way to the Scottish goalkeeper, Veryan Pappin, who joins Ian Taylor and John Hurst in the squad to set up an interesting three-way contest for the two places available.

There are no surprises in the training party which contains 14 members of England's European Cup silver medal winning squad in Moscow. Robert Clift, however, is unavailable at present for training but could well be back in time for the Luton event.

The selectors are also having a close look at Mike Spray who had withdrawn from the European Cup squad, as well as James Duthie and Andy Ferns both of whom are recovering from injury.

SQUAD: Goalkeepers: I Taylor, J Hurst, V Pappin; full backs: D Faulkner, P Barber, S Martin, P Bolland; half-backs: J Potter, R Dodds, M Grimley, J Rees, M Sloane, J McKee, W McConnell; forwards: R Leman, J Shaw, J Kirkwood, M Burns, S Batchelor, K Bhaura, S Kerly, I Sherwani, R Thompson, K Morris, D Leiper.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Minnows' big pay day

By Keith Macklin

Five of the minor clubs reaped the promise of big gates in yesterday's quarter-final draws of the county cups, (Keith Macklin writes). In Lancashire, **Swinton** have a home derby game with **Leigh**, while the Cumbrian outposts of **Whitehaven** and **Workington Town** should be bursting at the seams for the visits of **Widnes** and **Warrington**.

In Yorkshire, **Bramley** have a local derby with **Bradford Northern**, and **Featherstone Rovers** — struggling at present — entertain **York** with more than an even chance of winning.

Wigan, holders of the Lancashire Cup, have a home draw against **Salford**, but the Yorkshire Cup holders, **Castleford**, face a daunting trip to **Halifax**. **Leeds** have an easier prospect at home to **Wakefield Trinity**.

LANCASHIRE CUP: Wigan v Salford; Workington Town v Warrington; Swinton v Leigh; Whitehaven v Widnes.
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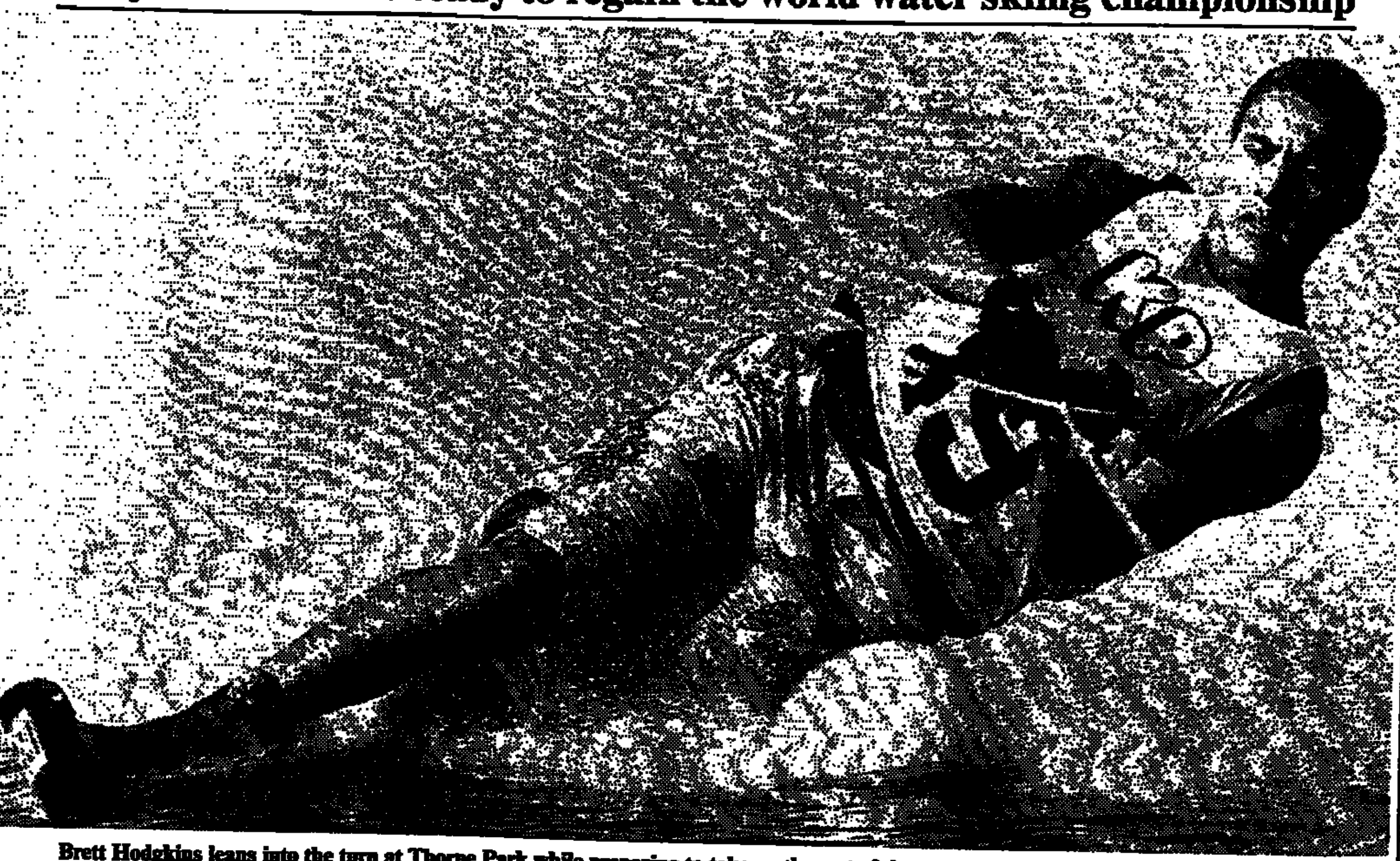
Why Hazelwood is ready to regain the world water skiing championship



Brett Hodgkins leans into the turn at Thorpe Park while preparing to take on the rest of the world (Photographs: Hugh Routledge)

Beating Americans at their own game

"I've been competing for 20 years now. I know the game. It is just a question of checking over the site, getting straight in your mind what you've got to do and then doing it". Only a former world champion and the present world record holder could make the act of being propelled 200 feet through the air and landing on two planks of wood and a lakeful of water sound so simple.

But then Mike Hazelwood has been jumping 150 feet and more since he was 15 — and that was 14 years ago — so, as he says, he knows the game.

This week, in the KP world water-skiing championships at Thorpe Park in Surrey, Hazelwood will be aiming to think straighter and jump further than any of his rivals. If he does, he will not only win his third jumping world title but add another chapter to the legend which already surrounds his name.

There was water skiing in Britain before Hazelwood but his mighty frame blocks it from view. The era before Hazelwood is considered the dark age of British water skiing, the time when the Americans held dominion over the waters of the earth and the British barely got their heads above the surface.

The Americans still dominate — they have not lost the team title since the world championships started in 1949 — but since that day back in 1977 when the powerhouse of a 19-year-old from Lincolnshire won the overall world title, they have treated British water skiers with a little more respect.

After winning seven US Masters titles and two further world jump titles, Hazelwood has become almost an honorary American. He now lives in Florida most of the year where he has started a ski school and speaks with a marked drawl.

Best of British: Hazelwood (left) and Hodgkins, team colleagues yet rivals

"It has been difficult being a trailblazer in that I was the first British world champion and the first British skier to go on the pro tour in the States, so a lot of things I did were new" he recalls.

"But I think it has been good for British water skiing because kids coming up can see what can be gained from working hard and not be frightened to take on the Americans at their own game."

Hazelwood thinks that British water skiing is now stronger than ever, but he is critical of the attitude of some of the younger skiers. "Too many just want to come out to Florida and goof around rather than getting down to practising."

One of the young skiers tipped to take over Hazelwood's mantle is Brett Hodgkins, aged 17, the youngest member of the British team. Hodgkins learnt to ski on the same stretch of Lincolnshire water as Hazelwood on a pair of Hazelwood's skis, and in taking the national title while still a teenager he has already emulated one of his mentor's many achievements.

Like the old gunslinger waiting to be run out of town, Hazelwood greets the arrival of the 'new Hazelwood' with a mixture of encouragement, scepticism and raw competitiveness. Hodgkins is a team colleague, but he is also a rival.

"He is better than I was at his age — but then the jump world record has moved on 40 feet since I was his age, so he's got to be better", says Hazelwood, without adding that it was he who set the new world record with a jump of 203 feet last year.

"The next two or three years will be very difficult for him. He is not world class yet and after these world championships, he'll be an open class skier, competing with all the pros. If he doesn't do well he'll be forgotten just as quickly as he arrived. It's all down to him."

If those words carry the subtlety of a sledgehammer, the advice Hazelwood will be dishing out this week will be equally hard hitting. "Ski hard and keep lifting weights. There is no magic formula for success."

Despite a back injury, picked up during a gruelling season of 16 tournaments on the American circuit, Hazelwood hopes that the combination of the familiar waters of Thorpe Park and a home crowd will prove as successful as in 1981 when he won his last gold medal.

Coming second would be an embarrassment and, as world record holder and American pro-tour jump champion, there is no reason why he should.

Andrew Longmore

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Elway lifts Broncos to opening day win

By Robert Kirley

As the strike date set by the players drew closer, John Elway, the $12 million quarterback, passed for 338 yards, including four touchdowns, to overcome a 10-point deficit and lead the **Denver Broncos** to a 40-17 win against the **Seattle Seahawks** on Sunday, the opening day of the National Football League's 68th season.

Elway withstood two titanic thumps from the brash first-year Seattle linebacker, Brian Bosworth, and completed scoring strikes of 72, four, five and 59 yards. Denver scored on five consecutive possessions.

"Boz is an enthusiastic player," Elway said of Bosworth, who made nine tackles and caused one fumble. "The rivalry between him and us looks like it will be pretty good over the next couple of years."

Vinny Testaverde, chosen first in the draft of college players, sat and watched as his **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** colleague, Steve DeBerg, completed five touchdown passes in a rout of the **Atlanta Falcons.**

DeBerg knows what it feels like to sit on the bench: he lost his starting job to Joe Montana in San Francisco, to Elway in Denver and to Steve Young at Tampa Bay.

Jay Schroeder sustained a shoulder injury that could keep him out of the line-up for several weeks, but his replacement, Doug Williams, completed two touchdown passes as the **Washington Redskins** beat the **Philadelphia Eagles.**

RESULTS: New Orleans Saints 28, Cleveland Browns 21; Minnesota Vikings 34, Detroit Lions 19; New England Patriots 28, Miami Dolphins 21; Washington Redskins 34, Philadelphia Eagles 24; New York Jets 31, Buffalo Bills 28; St Louis Cardinals 24, Dallas Cowboys 13; Pittsburgh Steelers 30, San Francisco 49ers 17; Kansas City Chiefs 20, San Diego Chargers 13; Los Angeles Raiders 20, Green Bay Packers 0; Denver Broncos 40, Seattle Seahawks 17; Cincinnati Bengals 23, Indianapolis Colts 21.

● Negotiators for the National Football League Players' Association (NFLPA) and the NFL Management Council made no progress in a bargaining session on Sunday, but the sides will meet again today in the hope of reaching a three-year settlement before next Tuesday, the players' strike date.

The NFLPA has prepared a new proposal which the union's executive director, Gene Upshaw, says "will go a long way in the direction of a settlement." The owners plan to continue the season by recalling players released during the summer if the union walks out. The NFLPA went on strike for 57 days during the 1982 season.

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RACING: FASTER GROUND AND A LONGER DISTANCE POINT TO ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE GIMCRACK STAKES WINNER

Conditions favour talented Reprimand

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

While Henry Cecil has been in the United States attending the Keeneland September yearling sales, the day-to-day running of his 200-strong Newmarket stable has been left in the hands of his capable wife, Julie.

Today Mrs Cecil will be at Lingfield, taking a particular interest in Reprimand when he contests the Plumb Center Burr Stakes. The unbeaten winner of the Gimcrack Stakes is one of the stable's big hopes for next season, and he also happens to be one of her regular rides on Newmarket Heath in the early morning.

In fact, Mrs Cecil was on Reprimand yesterday when the colt had his final sharp gallop in readiness for today's race.

Having watched him closely in his two races over six furlongs at Ascot and York I have come to the conclusion that he is already crying out for a longer distance, and that such a good mover will also be suited by better ground than he has encountered so far.

Yesterday's drying winds will mean that he will now get both, although Reprimand will, in Lust Of Power, encounter his most formidable rival so far.

Considered by Alan Bailey to be the best two-year-old colt he has ever trained, Lust Of Power certainly made a telling impression at Newmarket in July when he quickened well to win over five furlongs from Tricky Note, Tower Glades and Intimidate.

Taking a line through Intimidate, who was then beaten only 1½ lengths by Reprimand at York, it is possible to argue that Lust of Power can win today's feature race.

However, I maintain that such a strict interpretation of the form would be misleading because Intimidate is a vastly better horse when he is racing on soft ground, as his races at York and Newbury have proved.

Alec Stewart: the trainer of Mandarin's nap, Munawar

If Miss Bagatelle is in an obliging mood Steve Cauthen can also win the first division of the EBF Nutfield Maiden Fillies' Stakes, but on Gesualdo he may find Willie Carson and Beeshi too strong in the Unidare Graduation Stakes.

At Yarmouth I fancy Kajar to win the Jack Leader Memorial Challenge Trophy under top weight. The identical weight did not stop this son of Persian Bold from bolting home in a similar race at Brighton last month and I expect him to be hard to beat again this afternoon despite tougher opposition.

The day's best bet, though, should be Munawar to win the North Denes Handicap over six furlongs. Trained at Newmarket by Alec Stewart, this lightly-raced son of the successful young stallion Sharpo looks precisely the type to exploit his current mark in the handicap when his rivals are much more exposed.

Also, Munawar will be fresher than most, having had only one race this season at Hamilton last month which he won turning the proverbial handsprings.

Finally, Zero Watt, a recent easy winner at Haydock, should be capable of accounting for Georgia Leigh in the Saltburn EBF Stakes at Redcar.

Winter 'stable'

Fred Winter was yesterday moved out of intensive care at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary. His condition remains "stable".

Winter has been unconscious since he fractured his skull in a fall at his Lambourn home 10 days ago.

Blinkered first time

Redcar: 2.30 Royal Tower, Larloch. Lingfield: 2.0 Miss Bagatelle. 3.30 Tabellina. 4.30 Jersey Rose. Yarmouth: 2.45 Shayman. 4.15 Spring Forward, Cedesa.

Duffy spells out the realities of introducing Sunday racing

By Michael Seely

Patrick Duffy, the Labour MP for Doncaster and vice-chairman of the House of Commons all-party racing committee, yesterday described the chances of a private member's Bill on Sunday racing succeeding in the immediate future as "not very high".

"In the light of the failure of the government to get Parliamentary approval for Sunday trading, I cannot rate very highly the prospect of a private member's Bill that is not a Government Bill for Sunday racing succeeding so soon, especially when it has been promoted initially in the House of Lords," Mr Duffy said.

Mr Duffy then explained some of these realities and some of the obstacles that the industry will have to remove if it expects to see its Bill eventually become law. "The trouble is that the House of Commons is not always a place of reason. Primitive passions and emotions are easily aroused.

"Also, the timing of this Bill could not possibly be more unfortunate," he went on, "coming as it does so soon after the defeat of the Sunday Trading Bill. There was no bi-partisan approach to that particular issue, and there is unlikely to be on this."

He then discussed the social and political issues involved. "People are worried about increasing crowd violence. That would have to be considered by MPs as well as the question of drinking and of gambling on Sundays.

"For Sunday racing to become a practical possibility, the Jockey Club would have to do two things," he continued. "It would have to get working conditions within the industry improved and acceptable to the labour movement, and the Jockey Club has got to convince the Churches and those who want to preserve our traditional Sundays."

"These twin objectives are not irreconcilable, or unacceptable. Church people are reasonable, and so are MPs. But they will not be taken for granted."

The idea that Sunday racing would be introduced initially by staging the Grand National and the 2,000 Guineas on Sunday in 1989 — if the necessary legislation is passed — is an imaginative notion.

Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, said: "The conference successfully exposed the existing opportunities which Sunday racing would offer as a family entertainment, but it also showed the many practical difficulties which must be resolved if it is to gain support from all sections of the industry as well as in Parliament."

General Sir Cecil Blacker, who has been chairing the Jockey Club working party for the past 2½ years, commented: "The conference was an extraordinary mixture of varied opinions. It was a marvellous contribution to the central theme, hearing ideas from trainers, jockeys' valets and Members of Parliament, to name but a few. It was good to see the problems discussed thoroughly."

Ian Balding, the Kingsclere trainer, outlined the viewpoint of many working in the industry. "Of course Sunday racing is bound to come in due course, and will bring obvious benefits, and we would welcome these. But it will also introduce a lot of problems, and neither myself or my staff would welcome it unconditionally.

"Fifty per cent of my staff are married men, and already working a seven day week with every other weekend off. They would have to get a good deal before they found the extra workload acceptable. We would have to take on extra lads with a corresponding increase in costs."

Larkhill confirms growing interest

The expanding interest in Arab horse racing was again in evidence at Larkhill last Saturday (Christopher Goulding writes). The fixture was arranged during the season to give horses who had been regularly ballotted out an opportunity to race.

Abdulla, who had always looked a potential winner after his promising debut at the start of the season, had been the victim of a ballot three times in recent weeks but his moment finally arrived in the first division of the Wylye Stakes.

Ashgate Comet, regarded as the bet of the day, did not run. Connections were confident of victory but did not want to prejudice their chance at Kempton Park on Saturday where he would have had to carry a penalty.

RESULTS: 2.0 Malabar Lightning (Evens fav); 2.35 Crystal Knave (6-4 fav); 3 10 El Bruto Ibn Procyon (4-1); 3 45 Abdulla (4-1); 4.20 Overton Sabou (14-1), 4.55 Arabian Amber (6-1); 5.30 Sky Scilla (4-1); 6.5 Marlborough (6-4 fav).

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Miss Bagatelle.
2.30 Sarheed.
3.00 Reprimand.
3.30 Beeshi.
4.00 Pinctada.
4.30 Hajjar.
5.00 Exert.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Miss Bagatelle.
2.30 Sarheed.
3.00 Reprimand.
3.30 Gesualdo.
4.00 So Rhythmical.
4.30 Jersey Rose.
5.00 Last Recovery.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 ROEDEAN HONEY.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.0 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £1,268: 5f) (10 runners)

3	(10)	000	INVISIBLE TOUCH 95 (C Mothwalla) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—
5	(4)	0	KINLOCH 15 (A Sykes) J Winter 8-11	N Crowther	97
6	(3)	240	MISS BAGATELLE 32 (B) (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
7	(9)	00	MOST INTERESTING 41 (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 8-11	S Giles (7)	90
8	(2)	2240	MY DIAMOND RING 3 (Mrs M Wickham) M Usher 8-11	A McGlone	95
9	(8)	00F	OH MY OH MY 29 (W Lusty) P Burgoyne 8-11	N Adams	—
10	(1)	4093	PARK VISTA 7 (Mrs V O'Brien) Pat Mitchell 8-11	Gay Kelleway (3)	78
11	(7)		PASTRANA (Global Homes Southern Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11	T Williams	—
12	(5)		ROMANY BELLE (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-11	W Carson	—
14	(6)	0	SINFUL SECRET 95 (Mrs M Herring) P Makin 8-11	J Reid	—

BETTING: 9-4 Miss Bagatelle, 7-2 Kinloch, 6-1 My Diamond Ring, 8-1 Romany Belle, Sinful Secret, 10-1 Most Interesting, 14-1 Invisible Touch, Park Vista, 16-1 Pastrana, 25-1 Oh My Oh My.

1986: ABHAAJ 8-11 A Murray (5-1) H Thomson Jones 13 ran

FORM KINLOCH looked as if she could pick up a small race when 3½l 5th (8-8) to Mrs Haypenny (8-8) at Warwick (5f, £959, firm, Aug 31, 14 ran).

MISS BAGATELLE was tailed off in a Newbury maiden last time out, but should just about win this if reproducing 6¾l 6th (8-7) to Classic Ruler (8-12) in a better contest at Goodwood (5f, £18603, good to firm, Jly 31, 7 ran).

MY DIAMOND RING, 9th in a nursery on Saturday, had three races in sixteen days in May, the best of them producing a ¾l Windsor 2nd (8-8) to Sno Problem (8-11) (7f, £959, good to soft, May 18, 9 ran).

PARK VISTA (8-8) finished well when 4l 3rd of 14 to Jeronime (9-4) at Folkestone (5f, £1358, good, Sept 8).

Selection: MISS BAGATELLE

2.30 GO HURDLING SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £863: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(9)	000000	TELEGRAPH FOLLY 59 (C,G) (B Clark) R Hoad 9-3	S Mabb (7)	77
2	(10)	10-0080	RIBOGIRL 59 (G) (Mrs E Pyle) R Sheather 9-0	A Shoults (3)	—
3	(8)	000402	ROYAL RABBLE 14 (BF,F) (H Bishop) B Stevens 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
4	(3)	000-0	CALYPSO KID 17 (M Graham-Clare) H O'Neill 8-11	N Adams	—
5	(12)	000-000	JETMORE 3 (S Smith) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	92
6	(4)	200432	SARHEED 7 (B) (O Pollard jun) D Morley 8-11	T Williams	98
7	(5)	000004	TROPICAL BOY 28 (R Hendry) R Voorspuy 8-11	S Whitworth	97
9	(7)	0-0	CAMILLA'S GIRL 155 (K Jaffa) M Usher 8-8	D McKay	98
10	(11)	0-00000	DELLA ROBBIA 35 (A Barraclough) M Usher 8-8	A McGlone	90
11	(2)	0030	GIRL IN GREEN 22 (Mrs S Harridge) W Holden 8-8	R Morse (5)	● 99
13	(1)	000042	MASCALLS DREAM 20 (Mascalls Stud Farm Ltd) P Makin 8-8	J Reid	97
14	(6)	00	NO GO BY 7 (R Warren) R Hoad 8-8	P Cook	—

BETTING: 7-2 Girl In Green, 9-2 Mascalls Dream, 5-1 Jetmore, 6-1 Tropical Boy, 8-1 Sarheed, 10-1 Camilla's Girl, 12-1 others.

1986: LA CAZADORA 8-8 B Thomson (14-1) R Williams 12 ran

FORM SARHEED (8-6) no impression inside the distance when 6l 2nd to Lucky Blake (9-1) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £832, good, Sept 8, 9 ran) with NO GO BY (8-3) back in a never dangerous 7th.

TROPICAL BOY (8-6) never got in a blow when 5¾l 4th to Fleet Footed (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £981, firm, Aug 18, 10 ran).

GIRL IN GREEN is best judged on penultimate start when (8-8) 4¾l 3rd to Shoot The Moon (8-8) at Leicester (7f, £1062, soft, Jun 13, 18 ran).

MASCALLS DREAM (8-4) one pace close home when 4l 2nd to Inner Calm (9-0) at Bath (1m, £886, good to firm, Aug 26, 7 ran).

Selection: GIRL IN GREEN

3.0 PLUMB CENTER BURR STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,147: 7f 140yd) (3 runners)

1	(2)	11	REPRIMAND 27 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4	S Cauthen	97
2	(1)	11	LUST OF POWER 70 (F,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield	● 99
3	(3)	430	BIG FINISH 17 (Mrs A Richards) C Brittain 8-11	B Thomson	73

BETTING: 1-2 Reprimand, 6-4 Lust Of Power, 20-1 Big Finish.

1986: SUHAILIE 9-4 S Cauthen (11-10 fav) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM REPRIMAND (9-0) took time to warm to his task when beating Intimidate (9-0) 1½l in the Gimcrack at York (6f, £29736, soft, Aug 19, 6 ran).

LUST OF POWER (9-1) ran on in game style to beat Tricky Note (8-12) 1½l at Newmarket (5f, £7700, good to firm, Jly 7, 5 ran).

BIG FINISH (9-0) showed early speed when 8th of 10 to Point of Light (9-0) at Newmarket (5f, good) last time.

Previously (8-11) showed a little better when 1¾l 3rd to Crafty Chris (9-7) here (6f, £2291, good to firm, Aug 15, 8 ran).

Selection: REPRIMAND

3.30 UNIDARE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,257: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1	(1)	441200	BEESHI 13 (D,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-7	W Carson	● 99
2	(3)	00-1001	GESUALDO 17 (D,F,G) (C St George) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	90
11	(5)	00-	RARELY AT ODDS 381 (Mrs B Hammond) G Gracey 8-11	L Riggio (7)	—
13	(7)	0	TOP OF THE PYLE 19 (D Fisher) D Arbuthnot 8-11	B Thomson	—
14	(4)		BAGS (Mrs E Holmes) D Elsworth 8-8	S Dawson	—
15	(6)		MADELAINE (R Dilley) R Akehurst 8-8	T Williams	—
16	(2)	0-00080	TABELLINA 19 (B) (S Cooper) D Elsworth 8-8	P Cook	—

BETTING: 5-4 Beeshi, 6-4 Gesualdo, 12-1 Madelaine, 16-1 Bags, Tabellina, 33-1 Rarely At Odds, Top Of The Pyle.

1986: HIGH KNOWL 9-4 B Thomson (5-1) B Hills 11 ran

FORM BEESHI last of ten at York a fortnight ago. He is a fair performer at his best, shown in 3l Leicester victory (8-9) over Flood Mark (8-9) (1m 4f, £2977, soft, Jun 13, 13 ran).

Irish import GESUALDO opened English account at Windsor last month, (9-7) beating Kirpan (9-7) a short head (1m 2f 22y, £1061, good, Aug 29, 11 ran).

TOP OF THE PYLE (9-0) 8th was in need of the outing and should improve beaten over 25l by Silence The Wind (9-0) at Brighton (1m 2f, £959, good, Aug 27, 10 ran).

TABELLINA (8-11) yet to show anything, latest unplaced behind Troyes (8-11) at Salisbury (1m 4f, £1562, good, Aug 27, 18 ran).

Selection: BEESHI

4.0 MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (£2,989: 7f) (13 runners)

1	(9)	200000	GODS LANE 46 (G,S) (M Ostermann) John FitzGerald 4-9-10	B Rouse	93
3	(3)	03-140	SHIRBELLA 11 (G) (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 3-9-6	B Thomson	91
5	(6)	003400	JOHN RUSSELL 15 (F) (J Harwood) M Ryan 4-9-4	P Gunn	96
6	(7)	00-3	VESTRIS 123 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-3	N Adams	84
8	(5)	0-30043	BOWL OVER 11 (B,C,G,S) (A Hobbs) P Makin 4-8-13	J Reid	93
9	(13)	034310	MASHBUB 11 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-12 (5ex)	T Williams	97
10	(1)	243040	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 38 (D,G) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 4-8-10	P Cook	98
17	(12)	204004	BAY BLUES 11 (R Nightingale) R Holder 3-8-1	S Dawson	92
18	(4)	211111	PINCTADA 75 (CD,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-8-1	S Whitworth	92
20	(10)	0-0000	AMWAJ 28 (F Salman) H Candy 3-7-13	J Carter (5)	—
21	(11)	00-0024	HIGHLAND IMAGE 87 (D,F) (T Blake) R Hutchinson 5-7-13	C Rutter	97
23	(8)	831202	SO RHYTHMICAL 15 (D,G) (Miss C Barrow) A Hide 3-7-12	W Carson	● 99
24	(2)	00-0030	FORMATUNE 6 (B,F,G) (A Sofroniou) D Arbuthnot 5-7-12	A McGlone	95

● The trainer states that Pinctada will only run if the ground is good to soft

BETTING: 100-30 Vestris, 4-1 Pinctada, 11-2 So Rhythmical, 6-1 Shirbella, 7-1 Bowl Over, Mashbub.

1986: HAYWAIN 8-1 M Hills (25-1) B Hills 19 ran

FORM GODS LANE, behind at Goodwood, has yet to win in England. In July ran 4½l 5th (9-5) to Maziher (9-3) at Newmarket (7f, £4097, good, Jly 17, 9 ran).

VESTRIS has shown promise, but is unraced since a 4½l 3rd (8-6) to Rhazali (9-6) at Beverley (1m 100y, £962, good to firm, May 15, 17 ran).

Maiden BAY BLUES (8-5) had MASHBUB (9-2) 2½l and one place behind when 3¾l 4th to Grundys Flame (8-3) at Kempton (7f, £3238, good, Sept 4, 19 ran).

PINCTADA won here (10-3), with HIGHLAND IMAGE (10-11) beaten 5½l into 4th (7f 140y, £2013, soft, Jun 20, 19 ran).

Selection: MASHBUB

4.30 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £1,257: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(1)	000	BABE IN ARMS 17 (M Page) C Benstead 8-11	—	—
2	(5)	00	BALLY BRAVE 14 (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-11	P Cook	73
4	(13)	0	HAJJAR 53 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	81
5	(4)		HURRY MINT (T Chuck) K Brassey 8-11	N Adams	—
6	(6)	404	JERSEY ROSE 14 (B) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-11	W Carson	82
7	(10)	0	LADY INSIGHT 7 (T Joel) M Haynes 8-11	—	—
8	(2)	0	LAUGHING HOME 20 (Miss A Rawding) P Makin 8-11	T Williams	—
9	(9)		OPERELLE (Eurolink Computers Ltd) P Makin 8-11	C Rutter	—
10	(8)	242	ROEDEAN HONEY 15 (Mrs A Boanas) P Makin 8-11	J Reid	● 99
11	(3)	0000	SCARNING GIZMO 7 (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-11	W Newnes	63
12	(12)	004	SOUTHERN SKY 20 (N Dent) D Elsworth 8-11	S Cauthen	86
13	(7)	00	SUNLEY STARS 125 (Sunley Holdings Ltd) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	80
14	(11)		VITAL WITNESS (Mrs V O'Brien) Pat Mitchell 8-11	Gay Kelleway (3)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Roedean Honey, 7-2 Southern Sky, 4-1 Hajjar, 5-1 Jersey Rose, 7-1 Sunley Stars, 9-1 Vital Witness, 12-1 others.

1986: VERYAN BAY 8-11 S Cauthen (12-1) M W Dickinson 11 ran

FORM HAJJAR (8-11) steps down in class after a 14l 8th of 8 to Ashayer (8-11) in the Virginia Water at Ascot (5f, £9656, heavy, Jly 24).

JERSEY ROSE (8-9) could find nothing at the death when 8l 4th of 17 to Full Listing (9-0) in an Epsom maiden (6f, £2939, good, Sept 1), with BALLY BRAVE (8-9) a never nearer 8th.

ROEDEAN HONEY, a length 2nd to William's Bird on Goodwood debut, lastest (8-8) finished a length 2nd to Mrs Haypenny (8-8) at Warwick (5f, £959, firm, Aug 31, 14 ran).

SOUTHERN SKY (8-8) is gradually improving judged on a 7¾l 4th to Valrosa Lady (8-8) at Bath last time (5f 167y, £1593, good to firm, Aug 26, 16 ran) with the slow starting LAUGHING HOME (8-8) never dangerous.

SUNLEY STARS, last seen out on 12 May at York, showed best form on Newmarket debut (5f, £4039, good to firm, Apr 15, 9 ran) when (8-11) 6¾l 5th of 9 to Tricky Note (8-11).

Selection: ROEDEAN HONEY

5.0 SURREY STEAM FAIR HANDICAP (£2,144: 6f) (20 runners)

2	(18)	303300	SPARKY LAD 39 (D,F,G) (J Clark) G Balding 4-9-10	R Weaver	96
6	(13)	243000	YOUNG JASON 15 (D,F) (J Swift) G Lewis 4-9-8	P Cook	96
9	(17)	0-00020	TARANGA 40 (D,S) (S Squires) M Tompkins 4-9-7	G Carter	95
11	(5)	010000	KINGS TOUCH 39 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S MacMaster) P Makin 4-9-3	J Reid	● 99
12	(1)	000400	MAJOR JACKO 28 (D,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 4-9-2	M Doyle (7)	96
14	(11)	020300	RESTLESS RHAPSODY 17 (F,G) (W Haggas) W Haggas 4-9-1	S Cauthen	94
16	(4)	224/000-	GEM OF GOLD 398 (C Oxborough) J Douglas-Home 4-8-11	S Whitworth	84
17	(12)	201603	LAST RECOVERY 7 (D,F) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 3-8-11	B Thomson	96
20	(14)	212400	FREMONT BOY 7 (D,G,S) (Miss S Previte) C James 5-8-6	B Rouse	97
21	(10)	108440	PROFIT A PRENDRE 57 (S) (P Thorne) D A Wilson 3-8-5	W Newnes	94
23	(7)	00-0000	LINAVOS 31 (D,F) (J Murray) W Brooks 4-8-2	J Carter	—
24	(6)	001044	JACQUI JOY 17 (F) (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 4-8-1	A Shoults (3)	97
25	(15)	400	KING OF KNOWLEDGE 43 (J Gardner) C Horgan 3-8-1	E Johnson	—
26	(19)	000-304	GO MY PET 14 (B Peters) C Brittain 3-8-0	W Carson	95
27	(8)	200219	BLOFFA 16 (D,S) (S Stalcher) P Cundell 3-7-13	N Adams	88
30	(16)	400402	EXERT 39 (D,F) (B Hager) R Akehurst 5-7-13	T Williams	98
31	(9)	000100	MAIDEN BIDDER 7 (B,D,F,G) (B Sharp) H Beasley 5-7-12	C Rutter	95
33	(2)	30-0001	HATCHING 43 (D,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 6-7-9	Lang	89
34	(3)	022200	SITEX 24 (F,S) (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 9-7-8	R Morse (5)	92
35	(20)	000840	MUST BE MAGIC 26 (R Manson) J Holt 3-7-7	S Dawson	88

BETTING: 9-2 Hatching, 11-2 Taranga, 6-1 Bloffa, Exert, 13-2 Sparky Lad, 8-1 Go My Pet, Jacqui Joy.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM LAST RECOVERY (8-8), a winner on fast ground, beaten 1¾l by April Fool (8-6) at Folkestone last time out (6f, £1811, good, Sept 8, 18 ran) with FREMONT BOY (8-8) and MAIDEN BIDDER (7-11) were out of first nine.

Earlier FREMONT BOY (8-10) ¾l 2nd of 12 to Zillebeke (8-4) at Brighton (6f, £2149, firm, Jly 2) with EXERT (7-13) was only ½l back in 4th.

Prior to that FREMONT BOY (8-1) won on soft ground at Windsor, TARANGA (9-10) 1½l back in 3rd, MAJOR JACKO (9-9) another ¾l away 5th and LINAVOS (8-9) out of first nine (6f, £2130, Jun 15, 25 ran).

JACQUI JOY has won only at 5f but ran as if this trip would suit when (7-12) finishing 1¾l to Loft Boy (9-2) at Newmarket (£2881, good, Aug 29, 18 ran) last time with RESTLESS RHAPSODY (8-12) behind.

EXERT (7-10) 1½l 2nd to Cronk's Quality (9-13) over course and distance, FREMONT BOY (8-5), SITEX (7-8) and KINGS TOUCH (9-3) behind (£2086, good to firm, Aug 7, 14 ran).

Selection: EXERT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	25	48	52.1
G Harwood	41	154	26.6
P Cole	28	126	22.2
R Akehurst	21	101	20.8
H Candy	16	82	19.5
M Ryan	10	65	15.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	35	128	27.3
B Thomson	12	47	25.5
W Carson	29	188	15.4
P Cook	27	202	13.4

Only qualifiers

● Pat Eddery rides the Jeremy Tree-trained two-year-old Suntrap in the £19,778 Prix d'Aumale (group three) over a mile at Longchamp today. Suntrap, owned by Khalid Abdulla, has won her last three starts.

● Paul Cole, the trainer of last Sunday's Prix Vermeille winner, Bint Pasha, gained another big-race triumph when Tertiary Zone took the 1½-mile Lawrence Realization Stakes at Belmont Park, also on Sunday.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Splat.
2.45 Talus.
3.15 Kajar.
3.45 Rhazali.
4.15 Cedesa.
4.45 MUNAWAR (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Madam Cyn.
2.45 Soldiers Duty.
3.15 Ayabi Mou.
3.45 Ambassador.
4.15 Cedesa.
4.45 Munawar.

By Michael Seely
3.15 NORTHERN ISLE (nap). 3.45 Rhazali. 4.45 Munawar.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.15 BROOKE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,081: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(15)	00	ACCEPTABLE 85 (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 8-11	R Hills	—
2	(6)	0	ANSTEY BOY 24 (J Hughes) C Allen 8-11	G Bardwell (5)	—
4	(17)		BEACON ISLAND (S Squires) M Tompkins 8-11	A Mackay	—
5	(10)	002232	BLUE DISC 38 (J Payne) J Jenkins 8-11	N Day	87
6	(3)	000	BRADLEYS IN TOWN 14 (Mrs M Mills) N Tinkler 8-11	A Clark	—
8	(12)	0	DANSES 27 (R Goodman) Mrs J Reavey 8-11	R Curant	—
9	(7)	3040	FLYING DETECTIVE 39 (P Davies) P Bailey 8-11	P Barnard (7)	84
10	(5)		HERBIE JAY (Mrs T Eustace) J Payne 8-11	B Raymond	—
14	(2)	00000	SABDABEANI 15 (J Henderson Gateshead) N Tinkler 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
17	(1)	0	ATTILLA THE HONEY 14 (Mrs J Johnston) M Johnson 8-6	—	—
19	(4)	002224	DAWN BELL 15 (J Watson) M McCourt 8-6	A Tucker (7)	85
21	(16)	00000	INCREDIBLE LADY 15 (J Lewis) J Jenkins 8-6	J Williams	75
22	(14)	00	MADAM CYN 58 (E St George) H Cecil 8-6	W Ryan	—
23	(6)	004	MAD MILLY 27 (J Devonport) P Kelleway 8-6	M Hills	88
24	(13)	0	MISS VERONA 5 (K Stone) K Stone 8-6	T Ives	—
30	(9)	04042	SPLAT 15 (BF) (C Allen) D Morley 8-6	M Roberts	● 99
31	(11)	000020	YOUR OFFICE 27 (J Thole) M Chapman 8-6	—	74

BETTING: 3-1 Splat, 5-1 Dawn Bell, 6-1 Incredible Lady, Madam Cyn, 8-1 Mad Milly, 10-1 Blue Disc, 12-1 Flying Detective, Sabdabeani, 14-1 others.

1986: (Div I) PILGRIM PRINCE 8-11 M Wigham (33-1) M Usher 12 ran
(Div II) ITS BEEN RUMOURED 8-2 J Carr (11-1) R Simpson 12 ran

2.45 LAVENDER LINEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,577: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

2	(7)	204322	BLANTON RESERVE 11 (B) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	84
3	(5)	232434	ESKIMO MITE 7 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	G Baxter	● 99
5	(1)	0-00434	GOOD CAUSE 15 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	T Ives	94
6	(4)	00-000	HIGHLAND BOUNTY 113 (I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	B Raymond	90
8	(2)	000-00	PRADEL 120 (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 9-0	N Day	—
9	(8)	3	PRIDEAUX 13 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	98
10	(6)	000	SHAYMAN 11 (B) (K Al Sayegh) H Thomson Jones 9-0	P D'Arcy	89
11	(3)	04232	SOLDIERS DUTY 41 (T Hemmings) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	96
13	(11)	02-322	TALUS 36 (Lord H De Walden) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	98
14	(8)	44	TARTAR TERTIUS 19 (J Parker) R Casey 9-0	P Barnard (7)	77
17	(10)	00	STAR ARRANGEMENT 31 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	J Williams	81

BETTING: 3-1 Prideaux, 4-1 Talus, 9-2 Soldiers Duty, 6-1 Eskimo Mite, Blanton Reserve, 10-1 Good Cause, 12-1 Highland Bounty, 14-1 others.

1986: TAP 'EM TWICE 9-0 G Carter (12-1) M Jarvis 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	56	149	37.6
M Stoute	35	180	20.0
W O'Gorman	19	106	17.9
A Stewart	11	62	17.7
J Hindley	15	93	16.1
P Haslam	14	89	15.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Roberts	11	58	19.0
M Hills	13	88	14.8
T Ives	27	215	12.6
W R Swinburn	21	168	12.5

Only qualifiers

3.15 JACK LEADER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,155: 7f) (12 runners)

1	(8)	131	KAJAR 42 (D,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7	A Clark	91
2	(4)	14	PADDY EGAN 26 (D,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-7	W Ryan	84
3	(11)	210	CHADENSHE 38 (CD,G) (D Wright) W Jarvis 9-3	B Raymond	81
4	(10)	010	HUAN 31 (G) (Elena Holding) L Piggott 9-1	P Barnard (7)	88
5	(2)	4120	SHERJAN 81 (F) (Mrs S Khan) L Piggott 8-13	T Ives	86
6	(5)	022312	NORTHERN ISLE 13 (D,F) (Mrs R Procter) B Hills 8-10	R Hills	● 99
7	(3)	0141	ELEGANT STRANGER 26 (CD,G) (New'kat Th'bred) P Haslam 8-5	D J Williams (5)	91
11	(7)	00334	GO FORUM 14 (BF) (Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 7-11	B Crossley	91
12	(1)	010000	FIVE TOWNS 11 (F) (Mrs C Nixon) C Williams 7-11	—	90
13	(6)	302423	GREATLY TOUCHED 14 (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 7-10	A Mackay	93
14	(12)	221110	AYABI MOU 5 (CD,F,G) (J Lirock) D Thom 7-10 (5ex)	G Bardwell (5)	95
16	(9)	103000	MY HOME 15 (F) (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 7-7	Dale Gibson (7)	91

BETTING: 9-4 Kajar, 7-2 Northern Isle, 11-2 Elegant Stranger, 15-2 Ayabi Mou, 10-1 Sherjan, 12-1 Greatly Touched, 14-1 Go Forum, Paddy Egan, 16-1 others.

1986: MONTERANA 9-7 P Robinson (13-2) G Wragg 10 ran

3.45 BRIAN TAYLOR EBF STAKES (£4,635: 1m) (4 runners)

3	(4)	0-13030	AMBASSADOR 27 (G) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 4-9-1	T Ives	82
5	(2)	143240	RHAZALI 26 (F) (P Wetzel) M Stoute 4-8-11	W R Swinburn	● 95
7	(1)	03-104	KRISTAL ROCK 124 (G) (Mrs V Hue-Williams) H Cecil 3-8-6	W Ryan	85
11	(3)	0000-	MILAN FAIR 327 (A Richards) C Brittain 3-6-3	M Roberts	67

BETTING: 11-8 Rhazali, 13-8 Kristal Rock, 11-4 Ambassador, 12-1 Milan Fair.

1986: VERDANT BOY 3-8-3 W R Swinburn (13-8) M Stoute 4 ran

4.15 BECCLES MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,381: 1m 3f 1110yd) (8 runners)

2	(1)	00	CUSTODIAN 26 (G Harwood) G Harwood 9-7	A Clark	—
4	(5)	000434	GOODWYNS LAD 73 (B,BF) (R Green) M Jarvis 9-7	B Raymond	89
5	(3)	00040	HAND PAINTED 18 (N Carden) J Pearce 9-7	N Day	96
8	(7)	404000	SPRING FORWARD 17 (B) (Mrs T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 9-7	R Curant	77
9	(4)	44200	CEDESA 15 (V) (R Sangster) J Hindley 9-4	M Hills	● 99
11	(2)	332404	SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 24 (Qualitair Eng Ltd) K Stone 9-8	W R Swinburn	83
14	(8)	0-	KELLY'S COMET 323 (J Fry) I Campbell 8-9	J Williams	—
15	(6)	04-04	WILL RAINE 140 (T Davis) I Campbell 8-8	N Gwilliams (7)	95

BETTING: 9-4 Cedesa, 3-1 Will Raine, 5-1 Hand Painted, 6-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 8-1 Custodian, 10-1 Goodwyns Lad, 16-1 others.

1986: HOROWITZ 9-3 R Cochrane (4-5 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

4.45 NORTH DENES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,309: 6f) (13 runners)

3	(4)	1440-00	MARIMBA 109 (G) (Mrs P Rossdale) J Winter 9-7	W R Swinburn	84
4	(13)	012000	NEEDWOOD NUT 32 (D,G) (Needwood Turf Accountants) B Morgan 9-3	J Williams	90
7	(10)	004433	KEPT WAITING 17 (F) (Mrs R Beckwith) W Musson 9-1	B Raymond	93
8	(12)	013200	DOUBLE GIFT 11 (F) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) K Ivory 9-1	G Bardwell (5)	87
10	(3)	2-1	MUNAWAR 22 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-13	M Roberts	● 99
13	(9)	132010	CEE-EN-CEE 14 (B,D,F) (Orbit Precision Machining Ltd) M McCourt 8-12	M Hills	83
16	(11)	0-00430	MAC'S MAESTRO 48 (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 8-9	T Ives	94
17	(5)	3200-0	THAT CERTAIN SMILE 15 (J Crisp) R Williams 8-8	W Ryan	86
18	(8)	020140	AL-TORFANAN 32 (CD,G) (T Sandgren) Pat Mitchell 8-8	R Curant	94
20	(6)	400200	SPECULATE 22 (M Al Maktoum) L Piggott 8-4	P Barnard (7)	92
21	(1)	000023	NIPPED OFF 14 (B) (O Baer) J Sutcliffe 8-3	D Gibson (7)	90
23	(2)	001004	GLORY BEE 15 (D,F) (B Keay) J Holt 7-12	D J Williams (5)	91
24	(7)	00-0000	BATTLE STING 16 (Mrs Y Sinclair) Pat Mitchell 7-7	L Riggio (7)	89

BETTING: 6-4 Munawar, 5-1 That Certain Smile, 6-1 Marimba, 8-1 Kept Waiting, 10-1 Cee-En-Cee, 12-1 Nipped Off, 14-1 Al-Torfanan, Mac's Maestro, 16-1 others.

1986: EASY LINE 9-7 T Williams (5-1) P Haslam 10 ran

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Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Tiklas. 3.0 Topeka Express. 3.30 Fountaincourt. 4.0 Zero Watt. 4.30 Ffynnongroyw. 5.0 Sister Chabrias.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Catherine Schratt. 3.0 Sharp Times. 3.30 Optional Choice. 4.0 Georgia Leigh. 4.30 Ffynnongroyw. 5.0 WOOD'S WASTE (nap).

Going: good **Draw: no advantage**

2.30 RUNSWICK BAY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £948: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1	0000	ROYAL TOWER 15 (B) Hbt Jones 9-0	M Wigham 2
2	0-04	SOMBRERO GOLD 38 R Whitaker 9-0	K Bradshaw (5) 13
3	4200	CARELESS KISS 10 M Camacho 8-11	N Connorton 14
4	-404	CATHERINE SCHRATT 14 R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane 10
6	0004	HUMBOLDT FAIR 35 P Makin 8-11	S Perks 11
7	00	ROYAL MAGICIAN 24 E Alston 8-11	Paul Eddery 3
8	2001	TIKLAS 8 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler 5
9	2100	PRINCEGATE 24 (F) Miss S Hall 8-10	J Quinn (5) 12
11	000	GREETLAND GIRL 14 R Whitaker 8-7	D McKeown 1
12	00-	ANOTHER NONSENSE 322 M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield 7
13	0000	AUTOBAHN 24 Miss S Hall 8-6	M Birch 4
14	00	MEEDAF 17 (B) R Stubbs 8-6	— 15
15	00	BUDDA CASS 18 Mrs G Reveley 8-6	S Quinne (7) 16
16	0020	GOOD BUY BAILEY'S 27 (S) G Blum 8-5	J Lowe 8
17	4200	DALBY DANCER 29 P Felgate 8-3	A Culhane (5) 6
20	0-00	EUROCON 7 D Chapman 8-2	K Darley 9

4-1 Tiklas, 9-2 Sombrero Gold, 5-1 Catherine Schratt, 6-1 Dalby Dancer, Princegate, 8-1 Careless Kiss, 10-1 others.

3.0 TURN TO YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,527: 7f) (30)

1	1224	SAND-DOLLAR 15 (D,F) M Prescott 4-9-10	G Duffield 29
2	2-32	FEARLESS MAN 35 (D) J Etherington 3-9-9	R Cochrane 22
5	3000	PREJUDICE 70 T Barron 4-9-6	D Nicholls 17
6	-000	CRANCHETER 10 J Etherington 3-9-6	G Starkey 6
7	0020	HARRY HULL 15 (G) M W Easterby 4-9-5	T Lucas 2
8	0310	SHARLIE'S WIMPY 22 (D,BF,F,G) W Pearce 8-9-5	M McAndrew 12
9	0000	THE MAZALL 6 (F,G) (CD) Miss L Siddall 7-9-5	P Hamblett 11
10	0300	LARLOCH 13 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-5	Paul Eddery 8
11	3222	SHARP TIMES 13 (C,F,G) W Musson 4-9-5	M Wigham 23
12	0134	AFRABELA 63 (C,F) M Brittain 3-9-5	K Darley 28
14	4-00	WASSI 20 R Bastiman 4-9-1	D McKeown 10
17	0000	GOTHIC FORD 25 (S) S Moldoon 3-8-11	J H Brown 13
19	0120	DARING DECO 27 (F) A Jarvis 4-8-10	— 16
20	-040	TOPEKA EXPRESS 20 C Tinkler 4-8-9	M Wood 30
21	0000	NEON 36 R Thompson 6-8-9	M Fozzard 19
22	0000	TIT WILLOW 34 (B,D,F) T Craig 5-8-6	S Webster 24
23	1021	GOOD N SHARP 22 (F) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-6	J Lowe 21
24	0004	SUPER TRUCKER 16 W Haigh 4-8-6	N Connorton 25
25	400-	GODOUNOV 319 W Storey 4-8-5	J Carroll (5) 5
27	3000	DUCKINGTON 8 (B) M H Easterby 3-8-3	M Birch 3
28	1040	ERANTHE 7 (G) W Bentley 3-8-3	R Lappin 9
29	0040	DANCING TOM 22 (V,C,S) T Fairhurst 4-8-3	R Street 26
31	000-	GODS LAW 354 (D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-1	A Proud 1
32	0000	SHALCHLO BOY 40 W Wharton 3-8-1	— 27
33	0024	COUNTRY CARNIVAL 29 (F,G) W Haigh 4-8-1	J Quinn (5) 14
34	3303	LINPAC NORTH MOOR 18 (D,S) W Elsey 3-8-0	G Hind (7) 4
36	0000	MOLLY PARTRIDGE 27 (D,F) H Wharton 4-7,12	A Culhane (5) 18
37	0130	SCOTCH IMP 33 (D,G) D Chapman 3-7-12	R Fox 7
39	0100	SABOTEUR 15 (D,G) D Dale 3-7-10	G King (5) 15
40	0040	SINGLE HAND 49 (D,F) D Chapman 7-7-10	L Charnock 20

5-1 Fearless Man, 11-2 Sharlie's Wimpy, 6-1 Good N Sharp, 7-1 Larloch, 15-2 Daring Deco, Sharp Times, 8-1 others.

3.30 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,901: 1m 3f) (13)

4	2014	BRONZE RUNNER 11 (F,G) E Wheeler 3-9-10	Dana Mellor (7) 9
7	3426	OPTIONAL CHOICE 19 (BF) J Payne 3-9-4	A Culhane (5) 7
9	0133	FOUNTAINCOURT 38 (C,F) B Hills 3-9-3	G Duffield 2
11	0440	MALADHU 14 (F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-8-13	D Nicholls 11
13	1043	BEAN BOY 14 (F,S) (C) M H Easterby 9-8-13	M Birch 8
15	1010	PHARAOH BLUE 28 (F,G) C Brittain 3-8-10	R Cochrane 1
18	2040	CHABLISSE 11 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 4-8-7	D McKeown 4
22	4120	ELARIM 29 (CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 8-8-0	SW Wood (7) 13
23	0002	ALL INTENT 15 G Harwood 5-7-12	J Lowe 6
24	0003	BELLEPHERON 39 (F) W Storey 4-7-9	R Street 12
25	0010	LARNEM 18 (C,F,G) T Fairhurst 4-7-9	R Fox 10
27	0410	RUSTIC TRACK 22 (C,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-7-7	G Hind (7) 3
28	0204	NUGOLA 18 (F) D E Incisa 5-7-7	Kim Tinkler 5

4-1 Bronze Runner, 9-2 Fountaincourt, 5-1 Pharaoh Blue, 6-1 Elarime, Maladhu, 8-1 All Intent, Bean Boy, 10-1 others.

4.0 SALTBURN EBF STAKES (£2,385: 2m 115yd) (3)

2	0/0	SIBERIAN DANCER 144 P Felgate 7-8-13.	G Duffield 1
7	2-31	ZERO WATT 11 (G) G Harwood 3-8-10	G Starkey 2
8	021	GEORGIA LEIGH 15 (G) H Cecil 3-8-7	Paul Eddery 3

1-2 Zero Watt, 13-8 Georgia Leigh, 20-1 Siberian Dancer.

4.30 DAVE MCHALE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,219: 5f) (16)

3	1	MADAM TAYLOR 63 (D,F) H Collingridge 9-7	A Barclay 12
6	0240	AVIDAL PARK 15 (D,F) E Eldin 9-3	J Quinn (5) 1
7	3410	ROSE SUNDAE 11 (D,S) M W Easterby 9-3 (10ex)	T Lucas 2
9	13	FFYNNONGROYW 133 (D,S) J Shaw 9-0	Paul Eddery 4
10	1404	NIGHT NIGHT 69 (D,G) W Wharton 8-12	J Carroll (5) 13
12	040	RUTTI 31 R Casey 8-10	P Hamblett 10
18	0304	FLOATING NOTE 19 J Wainwright 8-8.	L Johnson (7) 6
19	3402	QUICK OR BE DAMNED 14 D Chapman 8-3.	M Birch 9
20	0040	HOLDENBY 24 T Fairhurst 8-2	R Street 11
21	3003	LONELY RAMIRO 20 Denys Smith 8-2	J Lowe 3
22	4010	DEEBEE DEEBEE 5 (D,G) M Brittain 8-2 (5ex)	K Darley 15
23	2000	VENTO 14 R Hollinshead 8-1	A Culhane (5) 8
25	0000	GIPSY'S TOKEN 46 N Chamberlain 7-12	— 14
27	0080	INFALLIBLE 24 Mrs J Ramsden 7-7	M Fry 16
28	0003	KABCAST 14 D Chapman 7-7	R Fox 5
29	0030	VELVET FLIGHT 31 P Rohan 7-7	L Charnock 7

4-1 Madam Taylor, 11-2 Ffynnongryw, 6-1 Avidal Park, Rose Sundae, 7-1 Night Night, Quick Or Be Damned, 8-1 others.

5.0 TATTERSALLS ROBIN HOOD'S BAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,295: 1m) (30)

1	0	AU BON 108 L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane 17
3	0	BUY A LITE 8 R Whitaker 8-11	K Bradshaw (5) 13
7	000	PERCHCOURT 41 R Whitaker 8-11	D McKeown 7
8		CARBONATE M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch 12
9	2343	GUNNER'S HILL 20 C Tinkler 8-8	M Wood 16
10	0040	KID MCCOY 10 R Hollinshead 8-8	S Perks 21
11	0	ONE FOR THE POT 52 W Pearce 8-8	D Nicholls 19
12	402	SUNDAY SPORT BOY 5 M W Easterby 8-8	T Lucas 8
14		HEARTSEASE M H Easterby 8-6	J Lowe 20
15	000	SHOREHAM LADY 68 P Rohan 8-6	P Simms (7) 29
17	0	FATHER KELLY 11 J Etherington 8-5	— 15
18	00	NAVARRO LAD 19 C Tinkler 8-5	J Carroll (5) 3
19	00	THORNFIELD LAD 69 T Fairhurst 8-5	K Hodgson 30
20	00	JERSEY PEARL 33 I Matthews 8-3	N Carlisle 2
24	0	GOMAX 46 C Tinkler 8-2	J Bleasdale 6
27	03	WOOD'S WASTE 19 W Haggas 8-2	Paul Eddery 9
29	0	NORTHGATE DANCER 11 M Brittain 8-0	A Bacon (7) 25
31	23	BRIGHT AISLE 87 (BF) J W Watts 7-13.	N Connorton 4
33	30	BRONZE CROSS 14 T Barron 7-13	G Duffield 18
34	0	BROOKLANDS BOY 10 J Wainwright 7-13	H Ballantine 10
35	0300	CO-TACK 15 F Carr 7-13	S Morris 26
37	00	GIPSY RAMBLER 46 N Chamberlain 7-13	J Quinn (5) 28
40	00	LIFE'S A LARK 52 T Barron 7-13	S Webster 23
43	0000	REALLY GORGEOUS 8 M Brittain 7-13	K Darley 1
45	0000	UNDERCOVER HERO 10 G Moore 7-13.	S Wood (7) 27
46	3408	FRAPPANT 10 T Barron 7-11	R Street 5
51	0	RHODABOURNE 19 R Casey 7-8	P Hamblett 22
52	00	RILLANDEL 15 P Rohan 7-8	L Charnock 24
53	030	SISTER CHABRIAS 14 A Jarvis 7-8	R Fox 11
54	0040	STARLOTTE 13 P Calver 7-8	M Fry 14

100-30 Bright Aisle, 5-1 Sister Chabrias, Wood's Waste, 6-1 Au Bon, Gunner's Hill, Sunday Sport Boy, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 18 winners from 38 runners, 47.4%; G Harwood, 13 from 39, 33.3%; M Prescott, 17 from 77, 22.1%; J Watts, 20 from 150, 13.3%; A Jarvis, 8 from 64, 12.5%; T Fairhurst, 23 from 192, 12.0%.
JOCKEYS: G Starkey, 10 winners from 32 rides, 31.3%; G Duffield, 37 from 242, 15.3%. (Only qualifiers).

Wolverhampton results

Going: straight course good to firm; remainder firm

2.0 (5f) 1. DANTHONIA (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2. Prime Domina (W R Swinburn, 9-2); 3. Storm Kitty (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Cube (4th), 16 Slightly Sharp (6th), 25 Izyorzahelf (5th), 33 Clipper Queen, Lyndecharm, Maison Bleu, 50 Clare's Delight. 10 ran. sh hd, nk, 4l, 4l, 1½l. J Tree at Beckhampton. Tote: £4.10; £1 10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £5.40. CSF: £16.30.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1. LYON COEUR (S Whitworth, 7-2); 2. Johnny Sharp (J Lowe, 3-1); 3. Cross The Moat (N Day, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Lucky Blake (6th), 8 Birdless Grove, 10 Mr Savvas (5th), 20 Calypso Beat, Odiaxete (4th), 33 Matoltaki, Go Grafton, Little Elly, Suesandy. 12 ran. 1½l, 2l, 15l, 8l, ¾l. F Jordan at Leominster. Tote: £5.20; £2.70, £1.70, £11.20. DF: £10.00. CSF: £14.58.

3.0 (2m 1f) 1, SUN STREET (M Roberts, 15-8 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2. Chucklestone (W Carson, 11-4); 3. Tilly Tavi (J Lowe, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Harlestone Lake (4th), Pactolus, 20 Nunsuch Palace, 50 Rothko (5th), 100 Cuillin Sound (6th). 8 ran. NR: Linebacker. 4l, 5l, 4l, 10l, nk. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.19. Tricast: £25.21.

3.30 (5f) 1. ABSOLUTION (C Hodgson, 33-1); 2, Lonely Street (12-1); 3. Hoborines Katie (Dana Mellor, 33-1); 4, Royal Bear (P Burke, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Oyster Gray, 6 Sancilia, Rimbeau, 8 Impala Lass (6th), 10 Rosie Dickins, 11 Karen's Star, 12 Gan Mi, Wesbree Bay (5th), 14 Hilmay, 16 Cherrywood Sam, Metroman, Russian Winter, 33 The Hiltote Club, 50 Final Delight, The Cross. 19 ran. NR: Witchy Woman. 3l, 1½l, ¾l, hd, ¾l. R Hutchinson at Newmarket. Tote: £89.20; £10.60, £2.50, £9.80, £6.80. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £25.00. CSF: £373.95. Tricast: £11,282.93.

4.0 (1m 1f) 1. SHABIB (R Cochrane, 1-2 fav); 2, Maud Maleen (W Carson, 8-1); 3. Fourth Protoco (N Adams, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 66 Saint Tristan (4th), Shimoni (6th), 100 Dallas Special, Dont Loiter (5th). 7 ran. NR: Soybean, Safanni. 4l, 1l, 10l, 2½l, 1½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.97. Hopespringstorever (5-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 25p in the pound.

4.30 (1m 1f) 1. CAVALLINO ROSE (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 2. City Final (A Culhane, 11-1); 3. Hyatti (W Carson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Saunders Lass, 8 Rarely Irish (5th), 10 Miss The Point, 16 Hurricane Valley, 20 Fittonga Park, Twice Bitten (6th), 33 Trivia (4th), Fringe Of Gold, Avenmore Star 12 ran. Miss Jasmine 2½l, nk, 4l, ¾l, 4l. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50: £1.20 £2.00 £1.80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £20.33. Tricast: £71.05.

5.0 (7f) 1. SONIC LIGHT (A MacKay, 12-1); 2. Ashraf Dancer (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3. Acquainted (A Munro, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Lover's Secret (4th), 13-2 After The Gloom, 7 Green's Exhibition, 8 Emma's Treasure, Max Headroom (5th), 12 Denote, 14 Play To Win, 16 Snake Eye (6th), 33 Blue Rhythm, Lucky Can, Lady Santo, Penny Petite. 15 ran. nk, ¾l, nk, 3l, 1½l. Mrs S Oliver at Wombourne. Tote: £13.90; £3.60, £1 60, £9.30. DF: £202.30. CSF: £81.55. Tricast: £1,068.56.

Placepot: £53.10

Hamilton Park

Going: heavy

2.15 (1m 40yd) 1. LEVEN LASS (S Quane, 16-1); 2. Fonny Sarah (G King, 7-1); 3. Glory Gold (A Bacon, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Choisun (4th), Emerkala, 7 Bantone, 8 Pretty Soon (6th), 10 Search The Wind (5th). 8 ran. 4l, 3l, ¾l, 7l, 3l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Tote: £12.10; £4.80, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £34.50. CSF: £108.79. After a stewards inquiry result stands.

2.45 (1m 40yd) 1, KINGS VICTORY (M Wigham, 9-4 fav); 2. Blaze Of Gold (M Fry, 5-1); 3, Britwydd (K Hodgson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Gunner's Row, 7 Leacroft, 8 Wisecourse, What A Moss, 14 Ice Breaker, 15 Astley Moss (5th), 20 Lucy's Melody (4th), King Goldwyn, 25 Whatahalmful (6th), 33 Mister Petard, Sweet Eire, Scenic Villa. 15 ran. NR: Viking Lord. 1½l, 2l, 3l, 8l, 2½l. M Usher at Lambourn. Tote: £4.00; £1.10, £3.00, £7.50. DF: £6.90. CSF: £15.59.

3.15 (5f) 1. DESSICA (N Connorton, 10-1); 2. Small Fee (K Darley, 4-1); 3. Waverley Star (L Charnock, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-favs Shikans Sovereign, Arroganza (6th), 9 Rays Honor (5th), 14 Pasin (4th), 25 Three Rons. 8 ran. NR: Dee And Em. 3l, 3l, 1l, nk, 6l. J Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £18.30; £2.80, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £25.10. CSF: £44.93. Tricast: £185.22.

3.45 (6f) 1. DEINOPUS (A Proud, 12-1); 2, Princess Cinders (M Wigham, 12-1); 3. Henry Will (K Hodgson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Anyow, 5 Quick Sticks (4th), Stumble, 6 Densben (5th). 10 Dark Majesty (6th), Silvercoast. 9 ran. ¾l, 5l, ¾l, nk, 1l. D Chapman at Stillington. Tote: £12.00; £4.30, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £81.60. CSF: £122.60. Tricast: £1,098.46.

4.15 (6f) 1, WHAT SPEED (G Duffield, 11-10 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Thomas Lang (K Darley, 12-1); 3. Icefern (N Howe, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 11 Top Dream, 14 Dyfed (4th), 20 Swiss Bell, 25 Puno (5th), 33 Plunge, 50 Shabero, 100 Carousel Caro (6th). 10 ran. NR: Kings Quest. 1½l, ¾l, 8l, 1½l, 2l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £9.30. CSF: £14.99.

4.45 (1m 1f) 1. BOY JAMIE (G Duffield, 11-8 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2. Nearly Great (T Lucas, 10-1); 2. Miss Emily (K Darley, (8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Pathero (6th), 6 Long View (5th), 8 Fiesta Moon (4th), 12 Loveable Princess, 33 Skip Dancer. 8 ran. NR. Canjuen. 2l, 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, 1½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.90, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £10.70. CSF: £14.39. Tricast: £74.41.

5.15 (1m 4f) 1. MINIZEN LAD (K Darley, 4-1 fav); 2. Dynamic Star (M Wigham, 9-1); 3. Slap Bang (L Charnock, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Welsh Pageantry (4th), Sixty Minutes, 10 Ardashir, Noble Rise, 12 Far Cadette, 14 Lightrail, Nicophana (5th), 16 Bold Event (6th), 20 Dearest Love, 25 Dashing Cavalier. 13 ran. NR: Shamayil, Marie Zephyr. ½l, 1½l, 3l, 4l, 3l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £5.30; £1.30, £5.40, £1.40. DF: £12.70. CSF: £38.98. Tricast: £38.98. Tricast: £159.08.

Placepot: £146.45.

Southwell

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 74yd ch) 1. Roger Nicholas (B Walsh, 4-5 fav); 2. Moyspruit (7-1); 3. Dick 'E' Bear (6-1). 8 ran. NR: New Halen, Trailing Rose. 3l, 3l. H Wharton. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.32. Bright Imp (10-1) withdrawn not under orders, rule four applies to all bets. Deduction 5p in the pound.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1. Maid Mariner (W Worthington, 7-1); 2. Musical Will (Evens fav); 3. Another Bing (11-2). 11 ran. NR: Pearl Fisher. ½l, 6l. Miss G Rees. Tote: £11.20; £2.20, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £17.80. CSF: £16.75. Tricast: £44.52.

3.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Duncombe Prince (N Doughty, 15-8); 2, Sam da Vinci (6-4 fav). 3, Royal Camlit (16-1) 4 ran. 7l, dist. J Jefferson. Tote: £2.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.06.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Red Billy (J Osborne, 7-2); 2. Standoh Mill (20-1); 3. Visual Identity (11-2). 13 ran. NR: G G Magic, He Is Greedy. 3l, 4l. K Morgan. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £4.30, £2.30. DF: £20.60. CSF: £79.98.

4.15 (2m 74yd ch) 1. Sir Leader (J Osborne, 9-1); 2. Precis (7-1); 3. Cypria Sky (16-1). High Imp & Dornvalley Lad 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 15l, nk. J Thomas. Tote: £8.40; £2.50, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £38.90. CSF: £68.42. Tricast: £921.69.

4.45 (2m 74yd ch) 1. Votrory's Clown (M Brennan, 9-2); 2. Balmett (11-8 fav); 3. Mountaineer (14-1). 10 ran. 7l, 20l. O Brennan. Tote: £6.90; £1.70, £1.70, £4.60. DF: £6.80. CSF: £12.22.

5.15 (2m 4l hdle) 1. Mesa Kid (J Osborne, 5-1); 2. Sand Castle (6-4 fav); 3. Gennaro (5-1). 11 ran. 4l, 5l. K Morgan. Tote: £7.40; £2.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £15.60. CSF: £15.43. Tricast: £45.94.

Placepot: £157.95.

FOOTBALL

FA to use Chelsea's video in inquiry into pitch invasion

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Chelsea, whose supporters ran amok at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday, may be condemned by their own irrefutable evidence. Their video of the 3-1 defeat is to be watched by the Football Association, which is to investigate the incidents that took place after the game had ended.

The film will feature a potential riot which was halted only by a cavalry of four mounted policemen. Had it not been for the photographic proof, the FA would have had to lean heavily on the account of Les Walker, their security adviser, who happened to see the pitch invasion for himself.

He described the behaviour of Chelsea's notorious followers as "a crying shame". The police, who apprehended 18 offenders, will also be called upon to submit their view. The FA, who were alerted initially by the reports that appeared in the media, has no other official witnesses in the case.

The referee's report of the game will arrive at Lancaster Gate today but a FA spokesman said yesterday: "The referee will not have been aware of the events afterwards. Since he was in the dressing room at the time, it is safe to assume that we will not have much to go on."

The chairmen of the two clubs were equally ignorant of the trouble, as their reactions adequately illustrate. Ken Bates, Chelsea's representative, stated: "We are waiting to study the police report and our own video before making any comment."

Bates added: "The reports certainly vary. They range from the Rangers secretary, who told me personally that there were a few arrests and little violence or trouble in the ground, just a lot of people running about, to Channel 4, who described it as the worst terrorist outrage in London for some years." The truth lies somewhere between the two versions.

But Bates himself has wavered in his opinion of his club's supporters. After once calling them no more than "boisterous", a ludicrous understatement, he later chose to reinforce the perimeter fences at Stamford Bridge by threading an electric wire through them.

David Bulstrode, the Rangers chairman, claimed that he "went back literally minutes after the final whistle and the police had tidied up the situation. No Chelsea or Queen's Park Rangers supporters came face to face." The video, if the cameras were pointed at the members' end at Loftus Road, will disprove his theory.

Bulstrode added: "Although we will be making a report to the FA, it would be terrible if we had to start thinking about putting up 10-foot fences around the pitch." Yet Rangers may yet be instructed to do so in order to protect their own supporters.

The FA is not expected to announce its verdict until at least the end of the week. The spokesman would not be drawn on the possible outcome. "At this stage," he said, "it would be difficult to say what options we might have or if either club will be punished."

Yet the FA is believed to have already taken an unofficial decision to prevent Chelsea from entering Europe should they qualify for any of the three competitions and should UEFA lift their ban on English clubs. Saturday's events, as the video will show, have confirmed how wise that move would be.

Dalglish is spoilt for choice again

By Ian Ross

Kenny Dalglish, of Liverpool, will this evening face up to the sort of selection problem which makes him the envy of every other manager in English football.

Dalglish must decide which of his experienced first-team players to omit from a squad of 16 for the game against the first division's bottom club, Charlton Athletic, at Anfield tonight.

Although he will be reluctant to change a line-up which extended the club's unbeaten early-season run to four matches against Oxford United on Saturday, the veteran Scot now has two of his long-established players, Mark Lawrenson and Craig Johnston, ready to return.

Lawrenson, the world-class Republic of Ireland international defender, is now fully fit after overcoming a serious Achilles tendon injury, and Johnston, who has missed the last two games with a groin strain, is also expected to be available.

"My options will broaden if Craig is passed fit to play. It is always nice to have a lot of people to pick from, especially when there is quality within the squad," Dalglish said.

If Johnston is given the all clear to resume playing, the likelihood is that he will be recalled, possibly in place of Spackman.

A victory over a Charlton side which has accrued just one point from five games would lift Liverpool to third place in the first division, six points adrift of the early pacemakers, Queens Park Rangers, but with two games in hand.

Gray to face own club

An extraordinary quirk of fate will demand that Andy Gray must play against his own club in what is certain to be a full blooded local derby at the Hawthorns tomorrow (Chris Moore writes).

The Aston Villa forward, aged 31, who joined West Bromwich Albion on loan last week and scored twice in Saturday's 3-3 draw at Plymouth Argyle, will make his home debut for Albion against Villa.

"I'm in an awkward position to say the least," Gray admitted. "I could become the first player in the history of the game to be booed at both ends. "It's not often a player plays against his own club while on loan with another let alone in a local derby. Villa could be paying my wages again within a month."

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday September 19 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Arsenal v Wimbledon
X Charlton v Luton
1 Chelsea v Norwich
X Coventry v Nottm F
1 Derby v Sheffield W
X Everton v Manchester U
2 Oxford v QPR
1 Watford v Portsmouth
2 West Ham v Tottenham
Not on coupons: Newcastle v Liverpool (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Shrwsbry
1 Bradford v Blackburn
2 Huddersfield v A Villa
1 Hull v Oldham
1 Ipswich v Swindon
X Leicester v Plymouth
X Manchester C v Stoke
X Middlesbro v Leeds
2 Reading v C Palace
X Sheffield U v Millwall
X WBA v Bournemouth

THIRD DIVISION
1 Brentford v Blackpool
2 Brighton v Sunderland
2 Bristol R v Northampton
1 Bury v Aldershot
1 Chester v Grimsby
1 Gillingham v York
1 Mansfield v Southend
1 Notts Co v Bristol C
X Port Vale v Fulham
2 Preston v Rotherham
X Walsall v Wigan
Not on coupons: Doncaster v Chesterfield (Friday).

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Burnley v Cambridge U
1 Cardiff v Carlisle
1 Exeter v Rochdale
2 Hartlepool v Colchester
2 Hereford v Darlington
1 Peterboro v Wrexham
1 Scarboro v Swansea
2 Stockport v Wolves
X Torquay v Bolton
Not on coupons: Crewe v Leyton Orient (Friday); Halifax v Tranmere (Friday); Scunthorpe v Newport.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION
2 Bognor v Yeovil
X Farnboro v Leytonstone
1 Harrow v Basingstoke
1 Hendon v Dulwich

SCOTTISH PREMIER
X Celtic v Aberdeen
X Dundee v Hearts
X Dunfermline v Morton
1 Hibernian v Falkirk
2 Motherwell v Rangers
2 St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Kilmarnock
1 Clyde v Meadowbank
2 Clydebank v Raith
1 East Fife v Dumbarton
2 Forfar v Hamilton
1 Q of Sth v Partick

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Arbroath
X Berwick v Montrose
Not on coupons: Brechin v Ayr; Cowdenbeath v Albion; Queen's Park v East Stirling; St Johnstone v Stirling; Stenhousemuir v Stranraer.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Charlton, Coventry C, Everton, Leicester C, Middlesbrough, Sheffield United, Port Vale, Walsall, Torquay, Celtic, Dundee, Dunfermline.
BEST DRAWS: Coventry, Everton, Port Vale, Walsall, Celtic.
AWAYS: QPR, Tottenham, Crystal Palace, Northampton, Rangers.

HOMES: Arsenal, Watford, Bradford, Bury, Gillingham, Mansfield, Cardiff, Exeter, Peterborough, Scarborough, Hendon, East Fife.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Bradford, Gillingham, Mansfield, Exeter. Aways: QPR, Tottenham, Crystal Palace. Draws: Everton, Walsall, Celtic.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Racing 2, Instituto 2; Independiente 1, River Plate 0; Argentinos Juniors 0, Deportivo Español 0; Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 2, Velez Sarsfield 1; Newell's Old Boys 4, Deportivo Armenio 1; Platense 2, Rosario Central 2; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 0; Banfield 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Boca Juniors 2, Union 0; Talleres 0, Racing Club 1

AUSTRIAN: FCS Tirol 4, Vienna 1; VOEST Linz 3, Moedling 2; Austria Vienna 1, Rapid 2; GAK Graz 3, Sturm Graz 0; Austria Klagenfurt 2, LASK Linz 1; Vienna Sportclub 3, Admira Wacker 2. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, Rapid, 21pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 14; FC Tirol, 14.

BELGIAN: Beerschot 0, Anderlecht 3; Waregem 4, Beveren 1; Winterslag 3, Ghent 2; Mechelen 3, St Truiden 0; Charleroi 0, Racing Jet 1; Lokeren 2, Kortrijk 2; Club Bruges 2, Antwerp 2; Molenbeek 0, Cercle Bruges 0; FC Liege 2, Standard Liege 2. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1, Antwerp, 10; 2, Waregem, 9; 3, Mechelen, 9.

BRAZILIAN: Flamengo 0, Sao Paulo 2; Corinthians 0, Fluminense 1; Vasco da Gama 3, Bahia 0; Internacional 4, Santa Cruz 0; Coritiba 0, Gremio 1; Botafogo 1, Goias 0; Atletico Mineiro 4, Santos 1; Palmeiras 2, Cruzeiro 0.

BULGARIAN: Trakia 5, Lokomotiv Sofia 2; Pirin 2, Vitosha 2; Spartak Pleven 0, Vratsa 0; Beroe 3, Sliven 0; Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 1, Etur 0; Chernomorets 0, Spartak Varna 0; Sredets 1, Minyor 0; Slavia 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1, Slavia, 11; 2, Sredets, 10; 3, Lokomotiv Sofia, 10

DUTCH: DS'79 Dordrecht 3, VVV Venlo 3; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 2, Willem II Tilburg 1; FC Groningen 4, Haarlem 0; FC Den Haag 2, FC Den Bosch 3; FC Utrecht 2, Ajax Amsterdam 1; FC Twente Enschede 0, Fortuna Sittard 1; PSV Eindhoven 4, Volendam 1; AZ Alkmaar 2, PEC Zwolle 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV, played 6, 12pts; 2, Sparta, 7, 10; 3, Feyenoord, 7, 10

FRENCH: Monaco 1, Bordeaux 0; Paris Saint Germain 1, Lille 3; Toulouse 2, Brest 1; Niort 2, Toulon 1; Cannes 1, Laval 0; Auxerre 0, Metz 1; Marseille 2, Nice 0; Lens 1, Nantes 2; Le Havre 1, Saint-Etienne 1; Montpellier 6, Matra Racing 1. Leading positions (after 10 matches): 1, Monaco, 15pts; 2, Montpellier, 11; 3, Lille, 11

GREEK: Kalamaria 1, Panathinaikos 0; Aris 3, OFI 5; Verria 2, Iraklis 1; Diagoras 0, Panserraikos 2; Levadiakos 0, Ethnikos 2; Olympiakos 2, AEK 2; Panahaiki 1, Larissa 3; Panionios 1, PAOK 1.

HUNGARIAN: Bekescsaba 0, Zalaegerszeg 0; Pecs 0, Ujpesti Dozsa 1; Debrecen 2, MTK VM 1; Vasas 1, Videoton 0; Budapest Honved 0, Siofok 0; Raba ETO Gyoer 1, Tatabanya 0; Szombathely 0, Ferencvaros 0; Kaposvar 3, VAC 3. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1, Raba ETO, 10; 2, Ujpesti Dozsa, 9; 3, Vasas, 9.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Roma 1; Avellino 2, Torino 1; Cesena 0, Napoli 1; Fiorentina 0, Verona 0; Internazionale 0, Pescara 2; Juventus 1, Como 0; Pisa 1, Milan 3; Sampdoria 2 Empoli 0.

POLISH: Olimpia Poznan 2, Zaglebie Lubin 1; Pogon Szczecin 1, Legia Warszawa 1; Baltyk Gdynia 0, GKS Katowice 0; Gornik Zabrze 2, Lechia Gdansk 0; LKS Lodz 2, Lech Poznan 2; Slask Wroclaw 2, Jagiellonia Bialystok 1; Gornik Walbrzych 0, Widzew Lodz 1; Stal Stalowa Wola 1, Szombierki Bytom 1. Leading positions (after seven matches): 1, Gornik Zabrze, 12; 2, LKS Lodz, 12; 3, Slask Wroclaw, 11.

PORTUGUESE: Academica 1, Sporting 1; Guimaraes 1, Setubal 3; Varzim 0, Porto 2; Belenenses 4, Portimonense 2; Espinho 2, Chaves 1; Boavista 2, Covilha 2; Rio Ave 2, Salgueiros 2; Farense 1, Elvas 3; Penafiel 3, Braga 0; Benfica 0, Maritimo 1. Leading positions (after four matches): 1, Porto, 7; 2, Sporting, 6; 3, Setubal, 6.

ROMANIAN: Sportul Studentesc 0, Cluj-Napoca Universitatea 1; Bucharest Victoria 0, Craiova Universitatea 1; Petrolul 0, Steaua 4; Otelul Galati 1, Politehnica Timisoara 0; FCM Brasov 1, Rapid Bucharest 1; FC Arges 2, CSM Suceava 1; FC Olt 3, Corvinul Hunedoara 1; Asa Tirgu Mures 1, SC Bacau 0. Leading positions (after 4 matches): 1, Steaua Bucarest, 8pts; 2, Dinamo Bucharest, 8; 3, FC Arges, 6.

SOVIET: CSAK Moscow 2, Dynamo Moscow 2; Zenit Leningrad 1, Kairat Alma Ata 2; Dynamo Kiev 2, Torpedo Moscow 2; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 3, Shakhtyor Donetsk 1; Dynamo Minsk 1, Zhalgiris Vilnius 1; Spartak Moscow 2, Metallist Kharkov 1; Ararat Yerevan 2, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Neftchi Baku 2, Guria Lanchkhuti 2. Leading positions (after 24 matches): 1, Spartak, 34; 2, Dnepr, 33; 3, Zhalgiris, 28.

SPANISH: Sabadell 2, Real Mallorca 0; Atlético Madrid 3, Logrones 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Celta 0; Sevilla 1, Real Murcia 2; Osasuna 4, Real Valladolid 1; Valencia 1, Real Betis 0; Espanol 2, Barcelona 0; Las Palmas 3, Real Sociedad 2; Real Zaragoza 1, Real Madrid 7; Cadiz 2, Sporting 0. Leading positions (after 3 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 6; 2, Osasuna, 5; 3, Atletico Madrid, 5.

SWEDISH: AIK 0, Brage 0; Elfsborg 3, IFK Göteborg 1; Malmo FF 2, IFK Norrkoeping 0; GIF Sundsvall 1, Halmstad BK 1; Oergryte IS 0, Froelunda 0; Oester IF 1, Hammarby IF 6. Leading positions (after 20 matches): 1, Malmo FF, 31 pts; 2, IFK Norrkoping, 25; 3, IFK Göteborg, 24.

SWISS: Basle 5, FC Zurich 4; Grasshopper Zurich 3, Bellinzona 0; Lausanne 2, Neuchatel Xamax 2; Lucerne 1, Servette Geneva 1; Young Boys Berne 2, St Gallen 2; Aarau 2, Sion 0. Leading positions (after 9 matches): 1, Grasshoppers, 13; 2, Neuchatel Xamax, 12; 3, Aarau, 12.

WEST GERMAN: Eintracht Frankfurt 5, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Kaiserslautern 4, Bochum 2; Werder Bremen 4, Borussia Dortmund 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Homburg 0; Cologne 3, Bayern Munich 1; Hanover 3, Stuttgart 3; Karlsruhe 1, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Nuremberg 2, SV Hamburg 2; Schalke 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2. Leading positions (after 8 matches): 1, Werder Bremen, 14pts; 2, Cologne, 13; 3, Borussia Monchengladbach, 13

YUGOSLAV: Osijek 1, Dinamo Zagreb 1; Sutjeska Niksic 2, Radnicki Nis 1; Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 3, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0; Celik Zenica 2, Sarajevo 0; Red Star Belgrade 2, Rijeka 3; Rad Belgrade 3, Partizan Belgrade 3; Vardar Skopje 1, Sloboda Tuzla 3; Velez Mostar 1, Buducnost Titograd 0. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1, Dinamo, 9; 2, Rijeka, 3, Rad, 8.

Impressive debut by Dutchmen

By Simon O'Hagan

In the absence of the injured Ian Rush the Italian imports who attracted the most attention when the League season opened on Sunday were AC Milan's Dutch pair, Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten, the men brought in as replacements for Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley.

On the evidence of Milan's 3-1 win over newly promoted Pisa, they can already look on their investments with some satisfaction. Both players had outstanding debuts, van Basten crowning his by scoring Milan's third goal from a penalty. The other Milan club, Internazionale, made a less happy start, losing 2-0 at home to another newly promoted club, Pescara. The result reflected poorly on Inter's import, Enzo Scifo.

Napoli, the champions, were quick to pick up where they left off at the end of last season, beating Como 1-0 with a goal from Bagni. The result will have steadied Neapolitan nerves before their European Cup tie with Real Madrid tomorrow.

The Spanish champions' rampant form continued with a 7-1 victory at Real Zaragoza. Four goals came in the last 10 minutes to take their tally in three matches this season to 18. What would Barcelona have given to make the start to the season that Real have? Their misery continued with a 2-0 defeat at Espanol, a performance which has renewed the pressure on Terry Venables.

In France, Mark Hateley scored a penalty — his eighth goal of the season — which gave Monaco a 1-0 win over Bordeaux and put them four points clear at the top. Among the chasing clubs are two unexpected names — Montpellier, who beat Racing Paris 6-1, and Lille, who won 3-1 at Paris Saint-Germain. Mo Johnston, the former Celtic forward, scored his sixth goal of the season for Nantes as they beat Lens 2-1.

Bayern Munich's poor start to the season continued when they lost their third away game in a row, 3-1 at Cologne. Werder Bremen stayed top with a 4-0 win over Borussia Dortmund.

Rush may be fit

Ian Rush, who has been suffering from a thigh strain, may be fit to make his first appearance for Juventus on Sunday, when they are away to Empoli.

Dining on success: Eight British medal winners at a lunch in their honour yesterday. Left to right: Front: Jonathan Ridgeon, Fatima Whitbread, Peter Elliott. Middle row: Phil Brown, Jack Buckner. Back row: Kriss Akabusi, Colin Jackson, Derek Redmond (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Elliott to resist temptation

By David Powell

Peter Elliott, who continues his track season tonight as Britain's No 1 middle distance runner, is to resist the temptation to become a full-time athlete despite his silver medal winning performance at the world championships in Rome a fortnight ago. Elliott runs against Jack Buckner over 2,000 metres in Lausanne this evening and, on his return, will meet his employers to come to an agreement over his future working hours.

Elliott works a 40-hour week as a joiner in Rotherham, and has to get up every morning at 6.40 to train. If he is to stand a chance of winning a gold medal in the Olympic Games in Seoul next year, he believes he has to reduce his working week by half, but does not wish to give up his job completely.

"It's the travelling that's so tiring — I need more time to sleep," Elliott said yesterday. "But I don't want to give up work altogether. To stop work would have a drastic effect on me. It's nice to go to work to be with the lads and get away from athletics. If you are a full-time athlete and get injured you are thinking about it all the time."

Elliott was at a lunch in London, hosted by Minet, in honour of Britain's 10 medal winners in Rome. Minet have made a £1.5 million commitment to British preparation for the 1988 Olympics and, together with *The Times*, are making 12 Supreme Awards to sportsmen and women deserving of support.

Aged 24, Elliott came second in the 800 metres but has not yet decided whether he will target that event in Seoul. "I'm going to gear more of my training to the 1,500 metres and see what happens," he said.

Since Rome Elliott has recorded his best 1,500 metres time and won the McVitie's Challenge mile. He continues his racing at the distance on Sunday when he runs in the Westminster mile around the capital's streets. Buckner and Jim Spivey, the world championship 1,500 metres bronze medal winner, have also entered. Doina Melinte and Maricica Puica head the women's entries.

Thompson to train in Japan for Olympics

Daley Thompson plans to go to a Japanese training camp next year to finalize his preparations for the defence of his Olympic decathlon title (Ian Stafford writes). A few days after returning from Rome, where he failed to finish among the medallists at the world athletics championships, Thompson has started his build-up to the Seoul Olympics.

In London to model sportswear, he said yesterday: "I was back in training last Wednesday — two days after I got back from Italy. I have since sat down with my coach, Frank Dick, and plotted a course for Seoul. I am going to a good training place in Japan six weeks before the Olympics. This will help me to acclimatize, with Seoul only one-and-a-half hours flight away."

His defeat in Rome was a new experience for Thompson. "It is never nice to have that kind of experience. I am not used to it.

RUGBY UNION

Sponsor for Rosslyn Park at the start of a new era

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Another of rugby's senior clubs indicated yesterday how it is preparing for the brave new world of league championships while casting a slightly yearning look backwards to the days when all fixtures were friendly in name, if not always in nature. Rosslyn Park announced a one-year sponsorship worth £20,000 by old friends of theirs, Sturgis and Son, the London estate agents.

Andy Ripley who, though approaching his fortieth birthday, still combines the functions of lock forward and club vice-chairman, described this as a time of great change for the Park who, this year, have lost a coach, David Barclay (resigned), a captain, Simon Henderson (injured), and, sadly, at the age of 51, their former secretary, David Henderson, who died last month.

"We sat down and decided we had five objectives before us." Ripley said. "We want to compete at the highest level so we have to provide a platform for ambitious players; we run three main sides and eight other sides which are not social XVs but for whom we must provide rugby; we want to maintain our connection with sevens, particularly the national schools tournament; we want to encourage mini-rugby; and we want to maintain our contribution to schools rugby.

"Underlying all that we have the basic wish that anyone connected with the club should enjoy themselves. We welcome leagues but we know there is a down side to their coming; we know that players in the top side have to be flattered, have to get kit and help with expenses. What you don't need to do is pay them."

The addition of an estate agent to the ranks of major club sponsors indicates the breadth of interest in the game: Leicester, for instance, have a five-year agreement with Ind Coope while Moseley's deal is with James Upton Limited, the Birmingham colour printers. The Rugby Football Union itself has eight 'élite' sponsors ranging from Iveco/Ford to the Gateway Building Society and are receiving sponsorship worth over £1 million, quite apart from the contributions made by Courage, Toshiba and John Player to their major competitions.

● France have been forced to replace two of their World Cup squad members in the touring party which arrived in Glasgow yesterday to play four matches in Scotland. Laurent Rodriguez, the back-row forward, and Didier Cambérabero, the stand-off half or wing, pulled hamstrings playing club rugby

Two uncapped players, Philippe Chamayou (Béziers) and Jean Peytavin (Bayonne) have been called up and will join the party tomorrow, in time for the first game against Glasgow District.

The French will move to Cupar on Saturday to play the Anglo-Scots.

ANGLO-SCOTS (v French XV): J Beazley (London Scottish); T Paterson-Brown (London Scottish), T Exeter (Moseley), R MacLean (Gloucester), L Renwick (London Scottish); R Cramb (Harlequins), D Millard (Exeter University and London Scottish); D Butcher (Harlequins), I Kirk (London Scottish), J Reid (Rosslyn Park), G Marshall (Wakefield), D Cronin (Bath), C Gray (Nottingham), I Morrison (London Scottish), J Macklin (London Scottish, captain). Replacements: D Craig (Blackheath), C Russell (Wasps), C Campbell (Sale), T Borthwick (London Scottish), G Doguid (London Scottish), N McBain (Oxford University).

SNOOKER

Hearn expanding Matchroom league

By Sydney Friskin

Joe Johnson, the former world champion, and Stephen Hendry, the Scottish champion, have been invited to join the existing eight players in the 1988 Rothmans Matchroom league which is due to start in January.

The expansion of the league from eight to 10 players puts new pressure on the seven Matchroom professionals, managed by Barry Hearn, and on Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, all of whom had played in last season's league which was won by Steve Davis, the world No. 1. The players finishing ninth and tenth next season will be eliminated to make way for two new players who will be selected on the basis of the impact they have made on the game.

Hearn explained at a press conference in London yesterday that there was no danger of the league becoming a closed shop. "If the players finishing ninth and tenth are Matchroom professionals, they will be out of the league for the next season," he said.

Next season the prize for the winner will be £70,000, the total prize money having been increased from £120,000 to £220,000. The league, as promised, will be taken into Europe and the venues lined up are Amsterdam, Ostend, Antwerp, Marbella, and Monte Carlo.

Davis will again start favourite but, as Hearn said, "anything can happen" in this eight-frame format, and the one point earned for a draw has made the event even more competitive.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Kurlovich's comeback

Ostrava, Czechoslovakia — Who is the strongest man in the world? Opinion is divided between Alexander Kurlovich, from the Soviet Union, who broke the world super-heavyweight record total here yesterday, and Leonid Taranenko, his compatriot, who broke the world clean and jerk record (Chris Thau writes).

Kurlovich totalled 472.5kg in the two styles — 212.5kg in the snatch and 260kg in the clean and jerk — and although Taranenko lifted 265.5kg in the clean and jerk to break the record in that category, he finished second overall with a combined total 467.5kg.

Pound for pound, Kurlovich must seem to be the more impressive. At 20 stone and seven pounds, he is almost a lightweight in comparison to the likes of Krastev (26 stone), Nerlinger (23 stone) and Taranenko (22 stone).

His immensely athletic and well proportioned frame looked out of place among puffy giants like Krastev and Taranenko.

This, remarkably, was Kurlovich's first world championship since 1983. Then, he incurred a two-year suspension after he and the then world super-heavyweight champion, Anatoli Pisarenko, were discovered with a consignment of anabolic steroids in Toronto.

ICE HOCKEY

Top teams found wanting

By Norman de Mesquita

It has been suggested in recent seasons that the matching of premier division and first division teams in the Norwich Union Cup leads to one-sided scorelines. This season, though, the complaint could come from the lower division as the first weekend saw Streatham Redskins, of the premier division, suffer two double-figure defeats against first division opposition.

On Saturday, it was 11-6 at Telford. On Sunday, even more embarrassingly, it was 10-3 at home to Medway Bears, and the Redskins scored only when they had a man advantage.

Southampton Vikings were another first division side to spring a surprise, winning by the odd goal in 19 at Solihull. The Barons were without Rick Fera, but will nevertheless be disturbed at such a setback.

In a repeat of last year's English final, Nottingham Panthers had an easy home win over Whitley Warriors, who iced only two imports and, not for the first time, showed a lack of discipline that could cost them dear in the months to come.

Durham Wasps showed that they will be a power once again and, although they left it late to hit the winner in a thrilling game at Cleveland on Saturday, Sunday's performance against newly promoted Peterborough Pirates was impressive.

RESULTS: Norwich Union cup: Cleveland Bombers 6, Durham Wasps 7; Nottingham Panthers 8, Whitley Warriors 3; Solihull Barons 9, Southampton Vikings 10; Telford Tigers 11, Streatham Redskins 6; Durham Wasps 16, Peterborough Pirates 6; Southampton Vikings 6, Telford Tigers 10; Streatham Redskins 3, Medway Bears 10; Whitley Warriors 13, Cleveland Bombers 5. First division: Autumn trophy: Slough Jets 15, Swindon Wildcats 7; Cardiff Devils 5, Lee Valley Lions 1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

UEFA Cup
First round, first leg
Bohemians (Ire) v Aberdeen (8.0)
Celtic v Borussia Dortmund (WG)
OTHER MATCHES: Mjondalen (Nor) v Werder Bremen (WG); Austria Vienna v Leverkusen (WG).
CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Akranes (Ice) v Kalmar (Swe); Beggen (Lux) v Hamburg (WG); Sporting Lisbon (Por) v Swarovski Tirol (Austria).

Barclays League
First division
Liverpool v Charlton
Second division
Barnsley v Swindon
Birmingham v Blackburn
Huddersfield v Leeds
Hull v Shrewsbury
Middlesbrough v Bournemouth
Sheffield U v C Palace
Third division
Brentford v Chesterfield
Bury v Grimsby
Doncaster v Blackpool
Gillingham v Sunderland
Mansfield v Wigan
Notts Co v Aldershot
Preston v Northampton
Walsall v Bristol C
Fourth division
Burnley v Wrexham
Cardiff v Darlington
Crewe v Tranmere
Scunthorpe v Bolton
Stockport v Leyton Orient
Torquay v Rochdale

Fine Fare Scottish League
First division
Airdrie v Clyde (6.0)
Clydebank v Kilmarnock
Forfar v E Fife
Partick v Dumbarton
Queen of Sth v Hamilton
Raith v Meadowbank
Second division
Ayr v Albion
E Stirling v Berwick
Montrose v Alloa
Queen's Park v St Johnstone
Stenhsmuir v Arbroath
Stirling v Brechin
Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

GM Vauxhall Conference
Fisher v Maidstone
Kettering v Boston
Stafford v Runcorn
Wealdstone v Enfield
Wycombe v Barnet

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Oldham v Newcastle (7.0).
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION (2.0): Bristol Rovers v Ipswich (7.30); Fulham v Charlton; Millwall v Brighton; Portsmouth v Oxford United (7.0); Queen's Park Rangers v Arsenal; Swindon v Watford.
FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Arnold v Eastwood; Ashtree Highfield v Halesowen; Barrow v North Shields; Bilston v Friar Lane OB; Burnham v Cray Wanderers, Coventry Sporting v Leamington; Egham v Chichester; Exmouth v Bideford; Gainsborough Trinity v Matlock; Hemel Hempstead v Ely (7.45); Hornchurch v Redhill; Leek v Eastwood Hanley; Macclesfield v Stalybridge; Milton Keynes v Haverhill; Moor Green v Halesowen Harriers; Racing Club Warwick v Desborough (5.15); St Helens v Ilkeston (5.15); Tooting and Mitcham v Wick; Woking v Windsor and Eton; Worthing v Pagham.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Preliminary round: Crawley v Gosport.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Witton v Southport. First division: Harrogate v Sutton Town; Irlam v Accrington Stanley; Netherfield v Fleetwood.
WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round: Banbury v Bridgnorth; Gravesend v Sheppey.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Hendon; Harrow v Carshalton; Hayes v Bromley; Kingstonian v Wokingham; Slough v Farnborough. First division: Billericay v Basildon; Lewes v Walton and Hersham; Marlow v Bracknell; Staines v Uxbridge; Wembley v Wolverton. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Haringey; Heybridge v Harlow; Letchworth GC v Barton; Tilbury v Rainham; Ware v Saffron Walden; Wivenhoe v Royston. Second division south: Banstead v Maidenhead United; Chertsey v Horsham; Flackwell Heath v Harefield; Hungerford v Yeading; Metropolitan Police v Molesey; Southall v Chalfont St Peter; Whyteleafe v Camberley.

CRICKET
Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 102 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Nottingham v Northampton (7.15).

OTHER SPORT
BOARD SAILING: First division Worlds (at Pentewan Sands, Cornwall).
BOXING: Tournaments: Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington; Frontier Club, Batley.
SPEEDWAY: Junior riders' championship (at Milton Keynes). National League: Poole.
SQUASH RACKETS: Stockton open championship (6.0).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Highlights of New York Giants v Chicago Bears. C4: 10 p.m.
BOWLS: Greenall Whitley crown green handicap from Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool. BBC2: 1.35 p.m. BBC1: 2.20 p.m. Highlights: BBC2: 11.20 p.m.

Stand-in for Blake

Chris Blake, Croydon's undefeated light-welterweight, is due to face the experienced American boxer, John Senegal, at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on October 1. Blake should have been challenging Lloyd Christie for the British title, but Christie had to postpone the defence when he sustained a badly cut lip in sparring. Senegal has won 30 of his 38 fights.

Boulter still a front runner

COMMENTARY

David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

The British Olympic Association failed to entice John Boulter back from France, where he is a leading administrator with Adidas, to become their new general secretary. It would be worth the proposed British Athletics Federation, when it takes shape sometime in 1989, trying again. British sport can ill afford not to utilize someone of Boulter's calibre.

Before Horst Dassler died, he placed faith for the future of his company to some large extent in Boulter's hands. If British athletics, having finally wound up the incompetent British Amateur Athletic Board, is to exert some authority both at home and abroad, there are few better equipped to do this, as a new chief executive, than Boulter, a former Olympic runner who knows so well every aspect of the modern professional sport.

The fear must be that athletics will move out of one muddle into another. It is all very well that power has now passed to the Amateur Athletic Association, whose responsibility it is to devise a system of government for this troubled sport over the next 15 months. But the errors of the AAA in recent years give no optimism that they will do any better than the Board, having regained the senior administrative position.

They just happen to have the money from profitable meetings, whereas the Board, for all its muddle-headedness, was faced with trying to maintain grass roots responsibilities which cost a great deal but the value of which is seldom publicly discussed.

The effectiveness of the post of chief executive depends, of course, to some degree on those who are making the appointment. It remains to be seen whether Bill Ferguson, who becomes operational chairman of the interim general committee, and John Lister, who as AAA treasurer will carry some weight, are keen to appoint someone with genuine power, or merely a nominal official operating at the direction of honorary administrators, as in the past.

We can be fairly sure that neither Nigel Cooper, the present secretary of the board, nor Mike Farrell, of the AAA, will come into the reckoning when, as presumably they will, the council of the new federation advertises for the post.

The professionalism that has overtaken athletics in the last seven years, the influence of television and such organizations as Alan Pascoe Associates need the firmest control from the governing body. A successful sport is not just a matter of satisfying sponsors by getting people into seats at a handful of major meetings with good television coverage.

It is a matter of promoting the sport out of sight of the public, of running team events at junior levels which are essential to development, and whatever may be said about the essence of individualism, the team syndrome cannot be overlooked.

That is why, in spite of controversy and criticism during the world championships in Rome, athletics should not lose Frank Dick, the Board's chief coach, to some tempting foreign offer.

In devising a new administrative system, the AAA must be careful not to be swayed by the influence of Andy Norman, the present promotions officer, whose knack of putting together a meeting which will satisfy television and sponsors is not always in tune with some of the essential requirements of running a federation 52 weeks in a year.

Norman's credibility is at present in question abroad, particularly in West Germany following the controversy this season between the rival meetings of Koblenz and the IAC.

English must be kept out

The mindless mob which attends domestic English football was in evidence again at the weekend, Chelsea louts having to be cleared from the Queen's Park Rangers pitch. Nobody in their right mind can suppose that, if English clubs were re-admitted to European competition, there would not be in the very first round a continuation of the old embarrassments, not just to football but to our national reputation. Officials of the Football Association and Football League are irresponsible to pretend that it would.

Not the least alarming aspect of last Wednesday's match in Düsseldorf, where it required 1,400 police to control a crowd of 50,000 including a mere 5,000 English — and there were still 40 arrests — is the cost. Any claim that football is winning the battle against violence on its terraces and in the streets outside wholly relies on the continuing presence of large numbers of police who might otherwise be better occupied fighting the crime wave and violence which affects the lives of people unconnected with football.

The Government and local ratepayers have the right to demand why football should take for granted this massive public expenditure (though the clubs do pay for police presence inside the grounds) on helping the game continue: not even to the exclusion of all violence, but only with less violence than before. To readmit the English next year would be folly.

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CRICKET: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE RED ROSE WILTS

Lancashire's slim title hopes are destroyed by Pont

By Marcus Williams

CHELMSFORD: Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 72 runs ahead of Essex.

At 12.38 yesterday, Lancashire's last, slender hopes of winning the Britannic Assurance championship evaporated, when their No. 11, Patrick Patterson, was bowled by Ian Pont, of Essex, and they were all out for 220.

Lancashire's initial task of scoring 300 was never going to be easy on an indifferent pitch after they lost five wickets for 155 on Saturday. They then had to take full bowling points *and* win the match to finish level on points with Nottinghamshire and thus win their first outright title since 1934 because of their greater number of victories.

At least Lancashire still have second place to play for today – the final day of the season – with Leicestershire breathing down their necks from Canterbury. A sporting declaration is likely today after Essex were offered easy runs yesterday afternoon once the pressure had been lifted. Before that, Lilley played well for his 88 and then Pont enjoyed himself again with 39 off 24 balls.

All went well initially for Lancashire on a lovely, late-summer's day as Abrahams and Hegg carefully extended their sixth-wicket stand to 53. However, they lost their remaining wickets in the space of 10 overs, with Childs taking the first two in successive overs and the fast-medium Pont applying the *coup de grâce* with the last three in eight balls for the best return of his career.

Abrahams's brave, four-hour effort ended when he drove at Pont and was neatly picked up by Pringle at first slip.

By a nice twist of fate, Pont had two years on the Nottinghamshire staff between 1981 and 1982 before joining Essex in 1985. He has also made a name for himself as a baseball pitcher, having trials with major league clubs in the United States last winter, and as a thrower of the cricket ball who has come within a few yards of the world record.

The tributes have already been paid to Nottinghamshire, whose splendid achievements have surprised few people within the game. However, David Hughes, captaining Lancashire for the first time this season, deserves the warmest praise for the way he has pulled the side together after a miserable dozen years in which they have finished no higher than twelfth in the championship.

"It has been my most enjoyable season," said Hughes, who made his debut in 1967 and was a member of the all-conquering Lancashire one-day side of the early 1970s. "There has been tremendous tension in the dressing-room for the last three or four championship games, far greater than in one-day games."

Lancashire actually led the table during May and June, but it was not until after two weeks off in late July that they achieved their next victory. This break, Hughes said, enabled them to reflect on what had gone before and what lay ahead, and on August 21 Lancashire embarked on a sequence of five successive wins, which preceded this match and brought a fresh bloom to the red rose, even if the ultimate prize proved elusive.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Gooch b Pringle	22
G Fowler lbw b Pont	2
M A Atherton lbw b Pont	28
J Abrahams c Pringle b Pont	64
M Watkinson b Pringle	26
*D P Hughes c Hardy b Foster	15
†W K Hegg lbw b Childs	31
P J W Allott b Childs	1
J Simmons not out	8
I Folley b Pont	0
B P Patterson b Pont	0
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 1, nb 11)	23
Total (81 overs)	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-43, 3-65, 4-108, 5-140, 6-193, 7-197, 8-213, 9-213.

BOWLING: Foster 23-4-58-1; Pont 18-1-73-5; Pringle 28-9-60-2; Childs 12-6-17-2.

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Lilley b Pont	23
G Fowler not out	24
I Folley not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3
Total (1 wkt)	53

FALL OF WICKET: 1-50.

ESSEX: First Innings

B R Hardie c Watkinson b Allott	1
J P Stephenson c Hegg b Folley	23
A W Lilley c Folley b Abrahams	88
N Hussain c Watkinson b Fowler	18
I L Pont c Allott b Fowler	39
*G A Gooch not out	6
D R Pringle not out	6
Extras (b 8, lb 6, nb 6)	20
Total (5 wkts dec, 68.3 overs)	201

P J Prichard, N A Foster, †D E East and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-116, 3-141, 4-188, 5-191.

BOWLING: Patterson 8-1-22-0; Allott 8-3-8-1; Folley 14-5-19-1; Watkinson 7-1-24-0; Simmons 8-0-18-0; Atherton 4-0-16-0; Abrahams 11-2-37-1; Fowler 10.3-0-43-2.

Bonus points: Essex 6, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Palmer.

Retirement gift

Gary Sainsbury, the Gloucestershire all-rounder, aged 29, has been awarded his county cap, days before he retires from first-class cricket.

Century of wickets milestone for Agnew

By Richard Streeton

CANTERBURY: Leicestershire with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Kent by 63 runs.

Jonathan Agnew became the second bowler to reach 100 wickets this season yesterday as the teams did their best to compensate for the loss of half of Saturday's play. In certain circumstances Leicestershire can still snatch the £12,500 runners-up prize money from Lancashire, while a win for Kent would lift them further away from the lower end of the table.

England's failure to send Agnew even an availability letter for any of their winter tours remains a mystery. He has shortened his run this year and has bowled with consistent hostility. Agnew, the first Leicestershire player to take 100 wickets since Jack Birkenshaw 19 years ago, reached the milestone when he had Benson caught at cover.

Leicestershire continued their first innings from 222 for two at the start, but declared as soon as they obtained maximum bonus points. Underwood rewarded the Kent faithful who had come to see him in his last match by taking three for 13 on a drying pitch before he was given some punishment later.

Among those watching in blissful sunshine was Colin Cowdrey, the MCC president, who was Underwood's first county captain in 1963 and who is convalescing after a heart operation.

Kent's reply was steady rather than spectacular until Chris Cowdrey, the present Kent captain, hit a 55-ball 50 with several powerful drives. Benson and Hinks began with a stand of 72 before Hinks was bowled trying to cut and Goldsmith hit across a full toss. Benson passed 50 for the fifteenth time this year with a typically sound display. Rather unusually, the five times he has gone on to reach a century they have all been in away matches. After Agnew dismissed Benson, Cowdrey hit a six and seven fours before Kent declared 53 runs behind.

Leicestershire had 10 minutes batting at the end and Underwood shared the new ball with Baptiste but Boon and Briers survived.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon b Cowdrey	19
N E Briers b Baptiste	82
*P Willey c Hinks b Underwood	83
D I Gower c Cowdrey b Underwood	21
J J Whitaker c Farbrace b Underwood	5
L Potter not out	34
†P Whitticase b Underwood	2
W K R Benjamin lbw b Baptiste	9
J P Agnew not out	15
Extras (b 13, lb 9, w 1, nb 10)	33
Total (7 wkts dec, 98.4)	303

P M Such and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-203, 3-234, 4-235, 5-241, 6-247, 7-262.

BOWLING: Baptiste 31.4-10-69-2; Kelleher 7-1-28-0; Cowdrey 14-3-40-1; Penn 12-2-53-0; Underwood 32-8-89-4; Aslett 2-0-2-0.

Second Innings

T J Boon not out	9
N E Briers not out	0
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	10

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c Benjamin b Agnew	55
S G Hinks b Such	41
S C Goldsmith b Such	4
D G Aslett b Willey	38
*C S Cowdrey not out	56
E A E Baptiste c Whitaker b Willey	10
†P Farbrace c Whitticase b Benjamin	5
D J M Kelleher lbw b Benjamin	12
C J Tavaré not out	22
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (7 wkts dec, 75.5 overs)	250

C Penn and D L Underwood did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-76, 3-142, 4-154, 5-188, 6-207, 7-223.

BOWLING: Agnew 21-2-64-1; Taylor 9-3-37-0; Such 21.5-6-66-2; Benjamin 15-7-44-2; Willey 8-1-36-2.

Bonus points: Kent 6, Leicestershire 7.

Umpires: J Hampshire and M R Kitchen.

Holding makes his mark

DERBY: Middlesex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, lead Derbyshire by 33 runs.

Through their last five wickets adding 174, Derbyshire took a hold on this match which at no stage did they relinquish yesterday. As so often, Michael Holding extracted help from a pitch that to other bowlers was largely lifeless, and made the most of it. His three wickets were the result of hostile bowling.

There had been some chance of the match being over inside two days. Middlesex were still 70 in arrears when they lost their third wicket. Gatting chose to hold himself back to further the experience of Roseberry and Ramprakash and, no doubt, to shore up the innings if necessary.

Roseberry is finding county cricket a harder proposition than good judges expected he would; and, since he made a good impression at the start of the season so, too, is Ramprakash. Holding's extra pace accounted for Roseberry yesterday but Ramprakash, cajoled by his captain, played a series of backfoot drives that owed something to his West Indian antecedents and each time pierced the field.

As for the pitch, it was difficult to see how Middlesex made only 129 on Saturday, even if Holding has been bowling rather well. It was good enough yesterday for Finney to reach his highest score of the season, 77.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 129 (A E Warner 4 for 12, M A Holding 4 for 48)

Second Innings

W N Slack lbw b Holding	7
J D Carr c Sharma b Newman	31
K R Brown lbw b Warner	1
M A Roseberry b Holding	14
M R Ramprakash lbw b Holding	48
*M W Gatting not out	30
†P R Downton not out	5
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 1)	7
Total (5 wkts)	143

J E Emburey, S P Hughes, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-30, 3-40, 4-87, 5-118.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Downton b Cowans	13
†B J M Maher c Carr b Cowans	20
B Roberts c Slack b Fraser	17
J E Morris c Brown b Cowans	1
T J G O'Gorman b Fraser	2
R Sharma c Downton b Fraser	27
R J Finney b Hughes	77
A E Warner c and b Hughes	17
M A Holding c Emburey b Cowans	35
P G Newman not out	13
O H Mortensen b Cowans	1
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 9)	16
Total (74.2 overs)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-42, 3-49, 4-54, 5-65, 6-131, 7-151, 8-214, 9-237.

BOWLING: Cowans 22.2-6-58-5; Fraser 32-4-94-3; Hughes 16-1-65-2; Gatting 4-1-16-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6, Middlesex 4.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and J A Jameson.

Hick enlivens the show with century

By Alan Lee

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with four first innings wickets in hand, are 115 runs behind Northamptonshire.

Graeme Hick can elevate even a stale September sideshow to a piece of rivetting theatre and here was a case in point. Worcestershire's priceless young star negotiated, single handed, the threat of a follow-on against Northamptonshire with his third successive championship century and his eighth of the season.

Even by Hick's lofty standards, this was a high class innings. It was fashioned with utter certainty while all around him stumbled and fell. The next highest score was 14 on a pitch where slow turn and occasional low bounce were the only enemies.

Northamptonshire, their attack muted by injury and illness, their minds still nursing the grievances of a summer which has gone so badly wrong, could scarcely believe their position when Worcestershire declined to 116 for five. As Botham was absent, advised by a specialist not to risk his damaged finger, the follow-on mark of 191 looked dauntingly distant.

Hick treated the crisis with disdain. Equally fluent off front and back foot, his timing was enviably sweet and his bat consistently straight. When he reached 90 he had scored 1,000 first class runs in the last 50 days; his century, achieved with his 17th four, was his sixth in nine matches.

Only Hick rose above the sense of anticlimax which affected his colleagues after Sunday's emotional triumph.

The bowling and fielding could kindly be called undemanding as Northamptonshire, in trouble at 119 for five hurried to their declaration without further loss. Harper and Wild, both making their first centuries of the year, shared an unbroken stand of 221 in only 136 minutes before clearing the stage for Hick's memorable solo.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook c Rhodes b Newport	7
W Larkins c Lord b Radford	48
R J Bailey lbw b Radford	10
A J Lamb c Newport b Radford	2
R G Williams b McKeown	25
R A Harper not out	127
D J Wild not out	102
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 6, nb 1)	19
Total (5 wkts dec, 72 overs)	340

†D Ripley, N G B Cook, G Smith and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-61, 3-65, 4-80, 5-119.

BOWLING: Radford 17-3-47-3; Newport 14-1-65-1; McKeown 11-1-65-1; Hick 17-0-84-0; Weston 5-0-33-0; D'Oliveira 8-0-34-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Robinson	12
G J Lord lbw b Smith	10
G A Hick not out	140
D B D'Oliveira c G Cook b Smith	2
*P A Neale c and b N G B Cook	14
M J Weston c Wild b Robinson	2
†S J Rhodes c Smith b N G B Cook	10
P J Newport not out	10
Extras (lb 8, nb 7)	15
Total (6 wkts, 64 overs)	215

J T Botham, N V Radford and S M McKeown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-40, 3-46, 4-99, 5-118, 6-183.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Northamptonshire 6.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Wright scores 161

Tony Wright, capped by Gloucestershire before their game with Glamorgan, hit a career-best 161 at Bristol yesterday. He shared a third wicket stand of 190 with Bill Athey. Gloucestershire held back a declaration for Athey to complete his 100 and it duly came on 334 for three at the start of the 86th over.

Wright, who joined the county in 1980, batted for four and a half hours for his second county century, hitting 29 fours off 225 balls. On a flat wicket Athey finished with 18 fours in his unbeaten 101.

When Glamorgan batted Alan Butcher showed nothing had changed in the wicket, despite a brief shower, as he knocked up nine boundaries in making 48 before falling to a catch by Wright at mid-wicket. Glamorgan ended on 121 for one from 35 overs, leaving them 213 behind.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold c Holmes b Monkhouse	13
A J Wright c Holmes b Monkhouse	161
P W Romaines b Derrick	31
C W J Athey not out	101
P Bainbridge not out	17
Extras (lb 3, nb 8)	11
Total (3 wkts dec, 85.1 overs)	334

J W Lloyds, M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, *D A Graveney, C A Walsh and G E Sainsbury did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-107, 3-297.

BOWLING: Barwick 19-6-47-0; Monkhouse 16-2-73-2; Derrick 20.1-4-86-1; North 14-0-61-0; Butcher 1-0-3-0; Holmes 9-1-35-0; Maynard 6-1-26-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Wright b Bainbridge	48
J A Hopkins not out	39
*H Morris not out	26
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (1 wkt, 35 overs)	121

M P Maynard, G C Holmes, P A Todd, J Derrick, †C P Metson, S Monkhouse, P G North and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-66.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Glamorgan 1.

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

LEAGUE RESULTS

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE (Champions: County Club): County Club 105 for 9, Backworth 96.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE (Champions: Durham City): Programme abandoned.

MATTHEW BROWN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE (Champions: Haslingden; Runners-up: Rawtenstall): Saturday: Ramsbottom 151 for 5, Colne 117 for 8. All other games abandoned. Sunday: Bacup 78, Haslingden 79 for 3; Burnley 140 for 5, East Lancashire 124 for 7; Church 97, Todmorden 98 for 5; Enfield 151 for 9, Colne 150; Nelson 200 for 9, Accrington 197 for 9; Ramsbottom 153 for 5, Rawtenstall 152 for 8; Rishton 143 for 5, Lowerhouse 142.

TSB CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Norden 114 for 5, Royton 110 for 6; Hyde 58, Haywood 59 for 2; Werneth 144 for 1, Milnrow 143 for 8; Middleton 124, Rochdale 271 for 6; Walsden 208 for 6, Crompton 78; Castleton Moor 138, Stockport 113; Ashton 50, Oldham 103 for 8; Radcliffe 148, Littleborough 88.

BRADFORD LEAGUE: First division (Champions: Hanging Heaton; Runners-up: East Bierley): Drighlington 57, Farsley 60 for 2; East Bierley 154, Manningham Mills 178 for 7; Keighley 118 for 8, Lightcliffe 121 for 4; Yorkshire Bank 122 for 9, Baildon 123 for 2; Idle 141 for 9, Hanging Heaton 145; Pudsey St Lawrence 182, Undercliffe 184 for 5.

Patient Sussex

Maurice Leadley, the Sussex chairman, said yesterday that the club is in no hurry to appoint a new captain after the resignation of Ian Gould after only one full season in charge. Leadley said: "I do not expect we shall name our new captain until next month.

GOLF: A REMARKABLE RESURRECTION FOR WINNER OF THE EUROPEAN OPEN

Thinking positive: Way on the path to victory – and a personal revival – at Walton Heath

The years of agony behind Way's moment

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

The moment all golf professionals dread brought Paul Way to a standstill two years ago. Quite simply, he froze.

"One day I suddenly got stuck over the ball," Way recalled. "It took me a long time to get over it. I would get tense when I needed to be loose. I had to keep waggling the club, rather than allow it to get behind the ball, in order to remain relaxed."

For Way, then the PGA champion and a Ryder Cup hero, it was like a bolt from above. One minute he was on course to become a golfing demigod and the next he felt as if he was a sacrificial offering to the game's highest rulers.

The paradox is that in his darkest hours, Way found the character to resurrect his career as he moved back into paradise by winning the Panasonic European Open at Walton Heath on Sunday.

It was not only a victory for mind over matter, but for the hours, days, weeks that he had spent wrestling with the previously incredulous thought that he might never win again.

Golf is a game with a licence to turn ecstasy into agony and Way had become the latest victim of its fickle doctrine. A lesser man would have been suffocated by such unpredictable adversity but Way possessed something special that was to eventually pull him through.

Gordon Brand Jnr, one of Way's closest friends on the tour, explained: "You can't judge how great a win that was by Paul. He went through the kind of traumatic experience that few golfers ever survive let alone recover to win again. I can't tell you how determined he had to be to survive after all that he had gone through."

Way's problems could be traced to the operation he had towards the end of 1985 for the removal of his tonsils. But by then his form had already deteriorated, although he gave a fair illustration of his resolute spirit by raising his game to beat Ray Floyd as Europe won the Ryder Cup that year.

Even so, the momentum that Way created for himself that week could not stop him from sliding into a catastrophic decline which threatened to end prematurely a touring career which had begun so promisingly with his Dutch Open triumph in 1982 and then his PGA Championship victory in 1985.

He even considered applying for a job as a club professional. The trouble was that he had tasted such unparalleled success at such a young age that he could hardly face the thought of being excommunicated from the game's chosen people.

Then at precisely the moment that Way might have surrendered to the torture, he found the strength to battle back from the brink of destruction by winning the £36,660 first prize in the prestigious European Open at Walton Heath.

"I was only 22 when it all went wrong for me and, perhaps, that will help me in the future," he added. "I still believe it was technical to begin with and that then it went to my head and became a mental thing. I would stand over the ball and I wouldn't know where it was going. With every shot it was a struggle to get it on the green. In golf they say that everybody has a bad patch, sooner or later, but mine went on longer than most.

"Let's face it, even when I made a half-way cut – and that was rare – it didn't end the agony because I still couldn't get up among the leaders. My best finish this season before Sunday was 34th in the Jersey Open. Now I'm just looking forward once again to going for the pins rather than just hoping to reach the greens."

Swedes in Norman's way

By Patricia Davies

Greg Norman regards the Dunhill Cup as Australian property, having led his country to victory in the last two years at St Andrews, but his side, seeded to meet the United States in the final this year, could have their work cut out to progress beyond the first round on October 1.

The draw, made in London yesterday, pits Norman, Rodger Davis and Peter Senior against Sweden, undoubtedly the strongest of the unseeded teams, comprising Mats Lanner, Ove Sellberg and Anders Forsbrand. The Americans, on the other hand, with Curtis Strange, Mark O'Meara and D A Weibring, should have few problems disposing of Italy before facing Malaysia or Japan.

Senior will be the man most relieved to step out onto the Old Course, for earlier this year Norman was quoted as saying he would not play if David Graham were not chosen. That would have been a blatant injustice, given his lack of form this season, and Senior's superabundance of it. Most of the moans were concentrated on the Irish camp. Christy O'Connor jnr was convinced that his high finish in the Panasonic European Open had earned him third spot but Des Smyth was preferred.

Ireland had a similar problem last year and Mark McCormack's tart retort that the players should learn to read the regulations does not hide the fact that the selection procedure should be made clear to all those involved.

DRAW (seeded countries first): Australia (G Norman, R Davis, P Senior) v Sweden; Canada (D Barr, D Halldorson, R Zokol) v New Zealand; Spain (J Rivero, J-M Olazabal, J-M Canizares) v Philippines; England (N Faldo, H Clark, G J Brand) v Mexico; Scotland (G Brand jnr, S Torrance, A Lyle) v Zimbabwe; Ireland (E Darcy, R Rafferty, D Smyth) v France; Japan (K Suzuki, N Serizawa, N Yuhara) v Malaysia; United States (C Strange, M O'Meara, D A Weibring) v Italy.

Jacklin is ready for victory in US

By John Hennessy

There is, Tony Jacklin said yesterday, a special incentive for the European Ryder Cup team who face the United States under his captaincy in a couple of weeks' time. "They have the opportunity," he explained, "To do something that has never been done before. No team has ever won in America. That is motivation enough. We are quite happy to go there as the British bookies' underdogs."

Jacklin, who led Europe to a momentous victory at the Belfry two years ago, was speaking at a lunch given by Guinness, whose Johnny Walker subsidiary is sponsoring the match.

The match, he thought, was important for European golf as a whole. "The tour here has grown in value to more than £4.5 million since the Belfry. The players are not paid for this match, though, admittedly, there are some fringe benefits in clothing and equipment."

Jacklin looked to the future and speculated on who might replace him in the years ahead. "Seve (Ballesteros) would make a great captain," he said. "He has awareness, he's emotional, fiercely competitive, a really good guy with all the right qualities."

And for himself: "My objective is to create a family atmosphere, try to get everything right, with travel, clothing, wives, girlfriends, etc." He was lucky, first because his own wife would know what the wives were looking for and, secondly, because Barbara Nicklaus, the wife of his American counterpart, was such a good friend.

One possible new complication has been created by Ken Brown and his wife. "We have been confronted with babies," he said, as if golfers did not suffer the usual biological urges and domestic inconveniences. Bernhard Langer and his wife had had second thoughts about taking their offspring, but the Browns were anxious to have their child with them.

He took note of Langer's criticism, reiterated by Sam Torrance in a radio interview on Saturday, that it would have been better to have travelled to the United States from Paris next Sunday evening, rather than from Paris the following morning. "But we have to remember that the rest of the Concorde," he said, "was being filled by spectators paying £5,000 a head.

In any case, they would spend so little time in the air that there would be the chance that day for nine holes of golf at Muirfield Village. "I am not arguing with what Bernhard said," he added, "But remember only four years ago, we arrived on the Tuesday."

He would not forecast the likely result.

"Confidence is one thing," he said. "But I never went into a tournament saying: 'I am going to win.' That only makes it more difficult, but if I had had to pick the whole team (instead of the final three after the nine top players in the Order of Merit), I could well have come up with the same 12 players."

He was not disturbed to see that some players have gone off the boil. By this time of the year they had played a lot of golf and become perhaps a little jaded, but the occasion of the Ryder Cup, and particularly this Ryder Cup, with the Americans thirsting for revenge, "would snap them out of their mental malaise. There is not a single player in the team who does not think we can win again."

YACHTING

Perfect score to the end

Sendai, Japan – On the last day of the International 14 team racing competition, the Kleinwort Benson British team won their last match, against New Zealand, to complete a record of 14 wins and no losses (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes).

The British team, who return home on Thursday, have, during their visit to Japan, sailed a total of seven individual races in the world championship series, and a further 14 races during this four-boat team racing series at Sendai.

All of these races, bar one in the world championship series which was won by the American husband and wife crew of Steve and Anne Toschi, have been won by British boats. It is a remarkable record of success.

RESULTS: Monday: UK bt New Zealand, Canada bt Japan (BBYC), USA (West) bt Japan (A), USA (KCYC) bt Australia. Overall: 1, UK, 14 wins; 2, Canada, 12; equal 3, USA (West) and USA (KCYC) 9; 5, Japan (BBYC), 6; 6, Australia, 4; 7, New Zealand, 2; 8, Japan (A), 0.

ATHLETICS

Hard route to Seoul

Britain's top athletes will have to qualify for the Olympic Games the hard way next year. There will be no pre-selection for the likes of Steve Cram, Linford Christie, Daley Thompson or Fatima Whitbread.

They were among an élite group guaranteed places in the team for the recent world championships in Rome. Now, the Amateur Athletic Association has decided that the policy, adopted by the British Amateur Athletic Board in recent seasons, should be scrapped. The AAA assumed control following the collapse of the Board with debts of £200,000.

Cram, Christie and Thompson failed to win medals in Rome. Two other pre-selected athletes, Sebastian Coe and Roger Black, had to withdraw from their nominated events with injuries. The AAA decided that the policy was not working and says that only athletes finishing first and second in their championships – or the women's equivalent – will go to Seoul. The selectors will then pick one more per event at their discretion.

Increase approved

Middlesbrough have had their ground capacity increased to 29,000 in time for the all-ticket second division match against Leeds on September 19. Cleveland County Council have approved accommodation for another 4,500 visiting fans.

Emery benefits

Steve Emery has received £10,716 from his Hereford United testimonial. The full back, aged 31, made over 300 first-team appearances for the fourth division club and also played for Derby County, Wrexham and Newport County. He was forced to give up League football after breaking his ankle.

BOARDSAILING

Young entrant in deep water

The second race in the world division one windsurfing championship, being held in Cornwall, ended badly yesterday for Adam Dakin, aged 17.

In winds of force 3 and in lumpy seas off Mevagissy, Dakin, who was sailing in the lightweights group, finally established a clear lead and took the gun only to find that he had been disqualified on two counts.

His first offence was to forget his "tally", a safety device which ensures that sailors are safely back ashore after racing. To add to his problems Dakin was also disqualified for "pumping", a method of paddling the sail in order to generate speed, a practice which is widespread but forbidden. The race was won by Simon Keeler, also 17.

RESULTS: Lightweights: 1, S Keeler (GB); 2, J Hutchcroft (GB); 3, N Tillett (GB). Heavyweights: 1, J Anderson (GB); 2, M Hursthouse (NZ); 3, J Mercer (GB). Women: 1, P Way (GB); 2, C Connelly (GB); 3, C Howden (Nor).

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PADUA, Italy: International meeting: Men: 800m: 1, M Fall (Sen), 1mn 45.81sec. 1,000m: 1, S Aouita (Mor), 2mn 16.44sec; 2, O Khalifa (Sud), 2.16.58. 3, W Wuycke (Ven), 2.17.67. 3,000m: 1, F Panetta (It), 7mn 53.27sec. Shot: 1, A Andrei (It), 21.08m. Long jump: 1, G Evangelisti (It), 7.92m. Triple jump: 1, K Markov (Bul), 16.81. Javelin: 1, T Petranoff (US) 82.78m. Women: 2 miles: 1, F Aouam (Mor), 8mn 38.44sec (world best); 2, M Curatolo (It), 9.55.36. High jump: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.05m.

GELNHAUSEN, West Germany: International meeting: 100m: 1, S Floyd (US), 10.18sec. 200m: 1, S Floyd (US), 20.74sec. 400m: 1, W McCoy (US), 45.68sec. 800m: 1, S Koskei (Ken), 1mn 48.17sec. 110m hurdles: 1, J Hudek (Cz), 13.61sec. 400m hurdles: 1, H Schmid (WG), 49.10sec. High jump: 1, J Zvara (Cz), 2.29m. Pole vault: 1, W Olson (US), 5.50m. Long jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.13m. Shot: 1, W Günthör (Switz), 21.09m. Discus: 1, R Dannenberg (WG), 66.50m. Javelin: 1, K Tafelmeier (WG), 79.64m. Women: 100m: 1, F Griffith (US), 11.15sec. 400m: 1, D Flintoff-King (Aus), 51.99sec. 800m: 1, C Gronendal (US), 2mn 01.72sec. 100m hurdles: 1, G Zaporzhava (Bul), 12.56sec. High jump: 1, S Isaeva (Bul), 1.89m.

NEW RIVER SPORTS CENTRE, Haringey: London championships: 100m: H King (Bracknell), 10.3sec. 400m: S McGichrist (Borough of Enfield), 47.7sec. Triple jump: M McDonald (South London), 15.09m. Hammer: P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles), 66.89m. Javelin: D Messom (Old Gaytonians), 71.50m. Team: Thames Valley.

BASKETBALL

CORK: European women's championship: Qualifying round: England 54, Ireland 52; Denmark 54, The Netherlands 90; England 68, Denmark 57, Ireland 44, The Netherlands 86; England 47, The Netherlands 74, Ireland 81, Denmark 53.

NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE: MM Livingston 98 (Granger 23), Oldham Celtics 81 (Quinlan 22).

BOWLS

PORTHMADOG: Scana Welsh junior championship: Quarter-finals: A Price (Ammanford) bt J Stephens (Aberdare), 21-10. J Strange (Brynmawr) bt D Teague (Caerleon), 21-13; D Lewis (Wattstown) bt G Thomas (Cadoxton), 21-15; S Sargent (Bedwas and Trethomas) bt C Best (Cadoxton), 21-14. Semi-finals: Price bt Strange 21-14; Lewis bt Sargent, 21-19. Final: Price bt Lewis, 21-19.

FELL RUNNING

GRASMERE: Ordnance Survey lakes mountain race: Men (20 miles): 1, W Bland (Keswick), 3hr 39mn 27sec. 2, D Ratcliffe (Rossendale), 3.42:21; 3, R Rigby (Ambleside), 3.51.11. Team: Keswick. Women (15 miles): 1, S Parkin (Kendal), 3.19:55.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Vllaznia Shkoder (Albania) 2, Sliema Wanderers (Malta) 0

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff 3, Llanelli 0. Brecon 0, Briton Ferry 2; Caerleon 1 Bridgend 1. Ebbw Vale 3, Pontllanfraith 0; Pembroke 1, Cwmbran 2; Port Talbot 0, Haverfordwest 3. Premier division: Abergavenny 4, Caerau 0. Afan Lido 0, Sully 1, Ammanford 1 Taffs Well 2. Cardiff Corries 1 Newport County 0. Ferndale 2, Clydach 3. Pontlottyn 1, Pemeg 3. South Wales Police 0. BP 0; Spencer Works 1, Abercynon 1. Tonyrefail 1. Newport YMCA 1.

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Zamalek (Egypt) 2, Asante Kotoko (Ghana) 0; Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 2, National SC (Egypt) 0; Canon Yaounde (Cameroon) 2, Dynamos (Zimbabwe) 1.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Minnesota Twins 7, Cleveland Indians 3. New York Yankees 8, Toronto Blue Jays 5: Detroit Tigers 5 Milwaukee Brewers 1: Texas Rangers 8, California Angels 2 Kansas City Royals 6, Oakland Athletics 5. Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle Mariners 0. Boston v Baltimore postponed. National League: New York Mets 4, St Louis Cardinals 2. Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Philadelphia Phillies 1. Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Atlanta Braves 2. San Francisco Giants 6, Cincinnati Reds 1. Chicago Cubs 5, Montreal Expos 2. San Diego Padres 10, Houston Astros 2.

	Won	Lst	Pct	GB
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
St Louis Cardinals	83	58	.589	–
New York Mets	81	61	.570	2½
Montreal Expos	80	61	.567	3
Philadelphia Ph	71	71	.500	12½
Chicago Cubs	70	71	.496	13
Pittsburgh Pirates	68	74	.479	15½
West Division				
S Francisco Giants	77	66	.538	–
Cincinnati Reds	71	72	.497	5½
Houston Astros	70	72	.493	6½
Atlanta Braves	61	80	.433	15
L Angeles Dodgers	60	82	.423	16½
San Diego Padres	59	83	.415	17½
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
Toronto Blue Jays	85	57	.599	–
Detroit Tigers	85	57	.599	1
New York Yankees	79	63	.556	6
Milwaukee Brewers	79	64	.552	6½
Boston Red Sox	69	72	.489	15½
Baltimore Orioles	62	80	.437	23
Cleveland Indians	54	90	.375	32
West Division				
Minnesota Twins	77	67	.535	–
Oakland Athletics	72	71	.503	4½
Kansas City Royals	72	71	.503	4½
California Angels	68	75	.476	8½
Texas Rangers	68	75	.476	8½
Seattle Mariners	67	75	.472	9
Chicago White Sox	61	81	.430	14½

Pct = percentage GB = Games behind.

GOLF

PORTLAND, Oregon: LPGA Ping championship: Final scores (US unless stated). 210: N Lopez, 72, 67, 71. 211: K Leadbetter, 73, 71, 67. J Stephenson (Aus), 68, 71, 72; M Spencer-Devlin, 73, 69, 69. 212: C Johnson, 67, 73, 72. 213: A Okamoto (Jap) 71, 77, 65. B Solomon 70, 72, 71; M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 72, 65, 73. H Stacy 70, 69, 74.

EPSON ORDER OF MERIT: 1, I Woosnam (Wal), £194,166.92. 2, N Faldo (Eng), £179,043.07. 3, M McNulty (SA), £163,341.37. 4, G Brand jnr (Sco), £129,927.33. 5, P Senior (Aus), £126,090.65. 6, H Clark (Eng), £119,024.53. 7, R Davis (Aus), £118,238.62. 8, S Ballesteros (Sp), £118,178.91. 9, J Rivero (Sp), £112,239.08; 10, S Torrance (Sco), £109,205.55.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: City Rifle Club open championship: 1, J Warburton (Huddersfield), 335; 2, J Reche (Wandsworth), 333; 3, M Anderson (Parthians), 332. Royal Navy Target Rifle Club championship: 1, P Rowell, 324; 2, K Chard, 321; 3, A Wombell, 320. Recal Salver (Berkshire county championship): 1, T Harrison, 191; 2, N Wakefield, 190; 3, S Smallwood, 190. Team match: 1, Combined Services, 1875; 2, United Banks, 1868; 3, Civil Service 1867.

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Fourth stage: Barcelona to Lerida (182.8km) (Spanish unless stated) 1, M Fondriest (It), 4hr 21mn 22sec; 2, J Dominguez, 3, A Gutierrez, 4, S Kelly (Ire), 5, M Hermans (Neth), 6, J Suarez-Cuevas, 7, D Caroli (It), 8, J Vilamajo; 9, Jo Weltz (Den); 10, J Recio, all same time. Leading standings 1, Kelly, 17hr 33mn 23sec. 2, I Gaston, at 10sec; 3, J Recio, at 13sec.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RACE: Sixth stage, Ingolstadt to Augsburg (146km): 1, K Myyrylainen (Fin), 3hr 57mn 07sec; 2, P Pedersen (Den), same time 3, S Guay (Fr), at 51sec. 4, D Konshev (USSR), 5, H Dorgelo (Neth); 6, A Silva (Por), 7, C Henn (WG), 8, G Figanza (It), 9, F Garnier (Fr), 10, A Kappes (WG), all same time. Leading positions: 1, M Madiot (Fr), 20hr 59min 29sec, 2, L Bezault (Fr), at 1·43, 3, Y Bonamour (Fr), at 1·53.

FOURMIES, France: Grand Prix of Fourmies (226km): 1, A Van der Poel (Neth), 5hr 58mn 56sec, 2, J Lieckens (Bel), at 10sec, 3, E Van Lancker (Bel), 4, M Schalker (Neth), same time; 5, E Vanderaerden (Bel) at 18 sec.

BISHOPS STORTFORD SEALINK BUCKLEY TROPHY (72 miles): 1 G Gimson (Chesterfield), 2hr 47mn 10sec, 2, S McGhee (Elizabethan), at half length, 3 D Knight (Bishops Stortford), at 3sec. Buckley trophy season-long winner: S Hempsall (Chesterfield).

HOUGHTON CC AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT (54 miles): 1 S Gibson (Cestria), 2hr 25mn 00sec; 2, T Brown (Ferryhill), at 25sec, 3, S Telford (Ridley), at 35sec.

MERSEYSIDE LADIES (25 miles): E Ward (Kirkby), 1hr 02mn 35sec. Team: Prescot Eagle, 2:11 11.

TOUR OF THE PEAKS, Buxton (93 miles) 1, P Curran (Manchester), 4hr 00mn 15sec, 2, D Spencer (Paragon), at 1·58; 3, T Hall (Wembley), at 2·40. King of the mountains: W Randle (Chesterfield).

RENRAD, Norwich (two-day) Stage two (105 miles): 1, E Farenhout (De Hoekse Renners), 4hr 00mn 19sec; 2, R Beuzekamp (De Hoekse Renners), same time: 3, M Agnew (East Anglian Division), same time. Overall (175 miles) 1, Beuzekamp, 6·42·13.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Dudley Hill 27, West Hull 20, Milford 8, Heworth 14, Millom 5, Egremont 26, Wigan St Patrick's 8, Pilkington 12, Woolston 44, Leigh Miners 16.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Terenure College 3, North Midlands 24, Blackrock College 3, North Midlands 16

VOLLEYBALL

HONG KONG: World Super-Four women's tournament: Final: China bt Japan 15-3, 15-5, 15-9. Third place play-off: United States bt South Korea, 15-5, 15-9, 19-17

SQUASH RACKETS

LEAMINGTON: Open tournament: Final: D Harris bt C Jones, 9-6, 9-7, 9-0.

LEEDS: West Yorkshire open championship: Men: Final: A Harrison bt S Bamford 5-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-7. Women: Final: L Walshaw bt G Garnett, 9-1, 9-5, 10-8.

WEIGHTLIFTING

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia: World championships: 110kg class: 1, Y Zakharevich (USSR), 445kg (203kg snatch, 242kg clean and jerk); 2, J Jacso (Hun), 415/190/225. 3, A Baraniak (Cz), 415/185/230. British placing: 8, A Davies, 377.5/175/202.5. Super heavyweight (over 110kg): 1, A Kurlovich (USSR), 472.5kg (212.5kg snatch, 260kg clean and jerk), 2, L Taranenko (USSR), 457.5/202.5/255; 3, A Krastev (Bul), 460/215/245.

TENNIS

FLUSHING MEADOW: US open championships: Women's doubles: Final: 1, M Navratilova and Pam Shriver (US) bt K Jordan (US) and E Smylie (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

GENEVA: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: R Stadler (Switz) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-0, 7-5, G Vilas (Arg) bt D Perez (Uruguay), 6-4, 6-1; L Mattar (Br) bt P Bastiansen (Den), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, T Tulasne (Fr) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-4, 7-5; H de la Pena (Arg) bt M Wostenholme (Can), 6-0, 6-2

MADRID: Men's open tournament: First round: A Tous (Sp) bt E Vasquez (Sp), 6-1, 6-0, P Rebolledo (Chile) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-2, 6-0, C Bergstrom (Swe), bt M Dickson (US), 6-4, 6-1. F Maciel (Mex) bt F Luna (Sp), 7-5, 6-4.

DONCASTER: National ranking tournament: Men: Final: D Hirst bt P Layfield, 6-4, 6-4. Women: Final: M Loughton bt S Makepeace, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Dornay women's doubles: Semi-finals: K Allen and L Ronaldson bt C Armstrong-Smith and F Macintosh 6-1, 6-2; S Jones and A Warren-Piper bt P Fellows and M Mead, 6-3, 6-0. Final: Jones and Warren-Piper bt Allen and Ronaldson, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Allied Dunbar pro-am doubles: Final: J Howell and N Shaw bt C Ronaldson and B Morrison, 6-3, 6-5

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Berwick 47, Newcastle 30, Mildenhall 44, Exeter 34, Mildenhall 48, Canterbury 30.

SWIMMING

LEEDS: Speedo national inter-league cup final: 1, Radford, 261½ pts. 2, City of Leeds, 257½, 3, Norwich Penguins, 255

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingfisher Reading 1, Bathwick Tyers 7. Rotherham 5, Ormesby 3; Gulls 0, Grove 8. First division: Ashford 8, West Warwickshire 0; MBS St Neots 3, Bradford Unity 5, Byker Newcastle 1, TSP Larkhill 7

MILTON KEYNES: Allied Dunbar under-21 championships: Boys under 17: Final: T Cutler (Middlesex) bt M Ward (Yorkshire), 22-20, 12-21, 22-20. Girls under 17: Final: J Norman (Berkshire) bt R Fisher (Middlesex), 21-18, 21-18.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: European junior three-day event championship: Individual placings: 1, Highland Road (P Lyon), 53.20pts. 2, Steadfast (W Fox-Pitt), 57.80. 3, Waldlee (M Krummel) 62.2. Teams: 1, Great Britain, 203.8. 2, Italy 205.4. 3, West Germany 220

DONAUESCHINGEN, West Germany: European young riders show jumping championship: 1, Landsaver Monsanta (G Greenwood, GB), 2, Viewpoint (P Heffor, GB)

CALGARY: Show jumping grand prix: 1, Big Ben (I Millar, Can), clear in 41.16sec; 2, Wiener Domspatz (L Beerbaum, WG), clear in 46.92. 3, Jappeloup (P Durand, Fr), clear in 49.6; 4, Rutles Apollo (N Skelton, GB), 8 faults in 40.6

Hoare returns

Rochdale Hornets have signed the Fulham forward, Sean Hoare, on a three-month loan – six years after selling him to the London rugby league club for £30,000.

Marsh's epilepsy could be the result of boxing

By Ian Stafford and Andrew Longmore

The epilepsy which has forced Britain's world light-welterweight champion, Terry Marsh, to give up boxing could have been caused by his career in the ring, a doctor on the British Medical Association's boxing working party claimed yesterday. He also said that Marsh might not be the only boxer who could suffer temporary seizures as a result of boxing.

"Boxing consists of a series of blows to the brain so one can expect it to have some effect. If someone had an underlying tendency to epilepsy, boxing could bring it on," Dr Jeffrey Cundy, consultant anaesthetist at Lewisham Hospital, said.

"Roughly *20 per cent of* boxers who have been boxing *for* some time have abnormal electrical activity in the brain, one of the causes of epilepsy," he added.

Marsh's condition is another arrow in the quiver of the BMA, who have been waging a long-running campaign to get boxing stopped, *but Carol Carey-Campbell, of* the British Epilepsy Association, was more cautious in attributing epilepsy to boxing.

"Boxing could worsen the condition of epilepsy but not cause it," she said. "The most *dangerous thing would be if he* had a seizure in the ring because his mind would go blank for a second or two and he would risk being seriously injured by a punch. Boxing is not a sport we would recommend."

Marsh had a very mild form *of epilepsy, Mrs Carey-Camp*bell added, and unless he had a seizure at the time it could not be detected on the brain scan which fighters regularly undergo.

"There is no particular reason why it should occur and no particular cause. But Terry is wise to pack up boxing straight away," Mrs Carey-*Campbell said.*

Marsh, aged 29, who won the world title when he beat Joe Manley under a circus tent in his home town of Basildon earlier this year, was told of his condition two weeks ago by a Harley Street brain specialist, Dr Leslie Findley, after he had complained of *temporary periods of black*out. Dr Findley warned Marsh that to continue boxing would be to risk serious injury.

Marsh: inspiration to others

Marsh, who might also have to give up his job as a fireman in Basildon, received several *messages of hope and sym*pathy yesterday, including one from the former *England* manager, Don Revie. "Fight against epilepsy with the same determination you fought in the ring," Revie, who is suffering from motor neurone disease, said.

A further source of comfort to Marsh will be the case of Tony Greig, who captained England but only revelaed towards the end of his career that he suffered from epilepsy. Greig has subsequently had an extremely successful career as *a businessman and, ironically,* considering the announcement *last week that Marsh* would commentate for a new ITV series on boxing, as a commentator in Australia.

At the time, Greig said: "I'm *proud* of what I have achieved in spite of the illness and *how I've overcome it.* After all, you've never seen me *black* out on a cricket field."

The cases of Marsh and Greig, according to the British Epilepsy Association, neednot *necessarily* be isolated ones. For epilepsy is the second *most common form of neuro*logical condition, after migraine. One in 200 people suffer from it and Marsh's achievements in the ring, the Association say, will be an incentive to many young children who suffer from epilepsy and the social stigma *attached to it.*

Just a few weeks ago, at the end of July, Marsh had taken part in a sponsored walk for a boy with epilepsy.

Decision to retire takes Warren by surprise

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Terry Marsh, who retired from boxing yesterday *because he is suffering from* epilepsy, has left his friends *and colleagues in boxing in a* state of confusion over his whereabouts and future plans. Neither his manager, Frank Warren, nor trainer, Ernie Fossey, nor his new employers, ITV, nor the British *Boxing Board of Control were* aware of his disability or of his intentions to quit.

Warren, who was not able to get in touch with him, has managed to get a £10,000 addition to the original fee *paid by The Sun newspaper* for Marsh's exclusive story announcing that he was giving up boxing.

After talks with *The Sun* last night, Warren said: "They have told me the terms they agreed *with* Terry, *and I have* told them these were not satisfactory and I could not stand by and see Terry shortchanged after all we have been through in boxing. Accordingly, I asked for a further £10,000 and they have agreed. As normal I do not take, nor *have taken,* any part of his earnings outside the ring. I *hope this will help Terry in the* months ahead."

No one was more surprised at *Marsh's* decision to walk away from the game than Warren. For only on Sunday did Marsh meet him for lunch and signed to meet the tough American No. 1 challenger, Frankie Warren, for $250,000 *(about £157,000).*

Warren commented: "As far as I am concerned this contract is now just a piece of toilet paper to me." Fossey said: "Terry is a *close friend.* I would never have let him in *the ring unless I was sure he* was 101 percent fit."

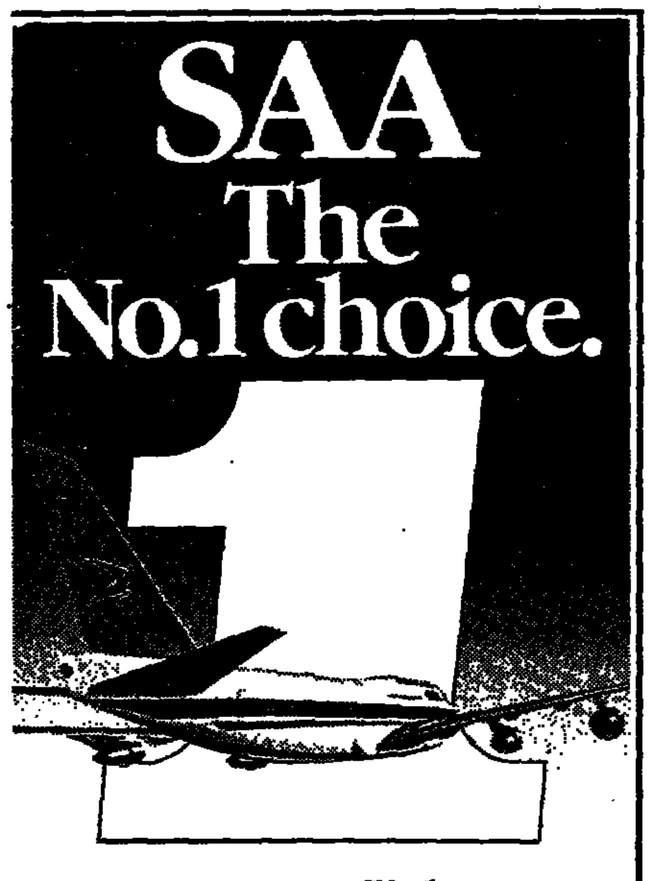
According to *The Sun,* Marsh has been suffering from epilepsy since shortly after he *won the European title in* 1985, but did not tell anyone about it because he hoped it would go away.

John Morris, the secretary of the Boxing Board, said: "I would like to see Marsh very *much. If I could speak to him I* would be better able to know what to say. *He is his own* man, he is sensible and good for boxing but I am extremely sad and depressed that he did not tell us about it."

Morris pointed out that Marsh had undergone head scans and was in top shape for every contest. Marsh's medical records were sent by the board's senior medical officer, Dr Adrian Whiteson, to the boxer's Harley Street brain specialist, Dr Leslie Findley, *who believed that he* "probably had more bangs on the head in the Royal Marines than he ever received in the ring."

Marsh, whose boxing style has always kept him out of *trouble in his 27 profesional* bouts, has had only two hard contests, against Clinton McKenzie in 1984, when he won the British title, and in 1986 against Tek N'Kalenkete, of France. After the McKenzie bout Marsh was suffering from heat exhaus*tion and* was taken to St Bartholomew's Hospital, but was *discharged* after a short period under observation. In the N'Kalenkete bout he was in some distress because of a broken hand but seemed to suffer no other serious damage.

There were, however, signals from Marsh after winning the European title in 1985 that something was amiss. As Patrizio Oliva, the world champion, dodged him Marsh kept saying he would give himself "another year" to win the world title before giving up the game for good. But it was always just one more contest *until* he got his big chance against Joe Manley, the Inter*national Boxing Federation* champion, last March. Then it was just one more defence, then one big-money defence. Marsh would most probably have taken on Frankie Warren as his *definitely* last bout had not Dr Findley beaten him to the punch.



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Berbick aims at Tyson

Trevor Berbick, the former World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, expects to use his *September 29* fight with Britain's Frank Bruno as a springboard for a return with Mike Tyson. Berbick, a Jamaican-born Canadian, lost his title to Tyson when he was stopped in two rounds by the American last year.

However, as he arrived in Britain, Berbick was making no predictions on the Bruno encounter. He said: "Bruno is a good fighter. It will be a good competitive contest, but a big puncher does not bother me. It's the artistic type that gives me something to think about."

Of his defeat by Tyson, the former champion claimed: "There was something wrong with my legs. I went to the doctors every day for three weeks before the fight."

County title goes to Notts

By Marcus Williams

Nottinghamshire yesterday won the Britannic Assurance county cricket championship *in absentia* when Lancashire failed to secure maximum batting points against Essex at Chelmsford.

The winners' cheque for £25,000 will be presented at Trent Bridge today, and supplements the £30,000 Nottinghamshire had collected in the previous week for winning the NatWest Trophy and finishing runners-up in the Refuge Assurance League.

***Their total prize money* from the four major competitions *this season is* £62,315, a record for any single county.**

Lancashire needed to take maximum batting and bowling bonus points and then beat Essex to overhaul Nottinghamshire at the top, but they were bowled out for 220 before lunch, 80 runs short of the first of these targets.

Ironically, the Lancashire innings was polished off by Ian Pont, who was on the Nottinghamshire staff in 1981-82.

Clive Rice, the Nottinghamshire captain, described the *news from Chelmsford* as "fantastic" and added: "Lancashire's recent form had us worried, but I always liked our position with points in the bag."

David Hughes, who took *over the captaincy of Lan*cashire this season, said: "Congratulations to Nottinghamshire — with Rice and Hadlee they were the best side. It is disappointing for us to have got so close, but I am delighted that we have had such a good season. I was *looking for a place in the top* six and wanted to put the pride back into Lancashire cricket.

"The team spirit has been terrific and the emergence of young players like Atherton and Hegg, and the consistency *of others* like Folley and Watkinson, has given us a platform to build on for the future."

Although Nottinghamshire fell tantalizingly short of a unique treble, the double *consisting of* the three-day championship and the 60-over knockout cup has been achieved only once before — by Middlesex in 1980.

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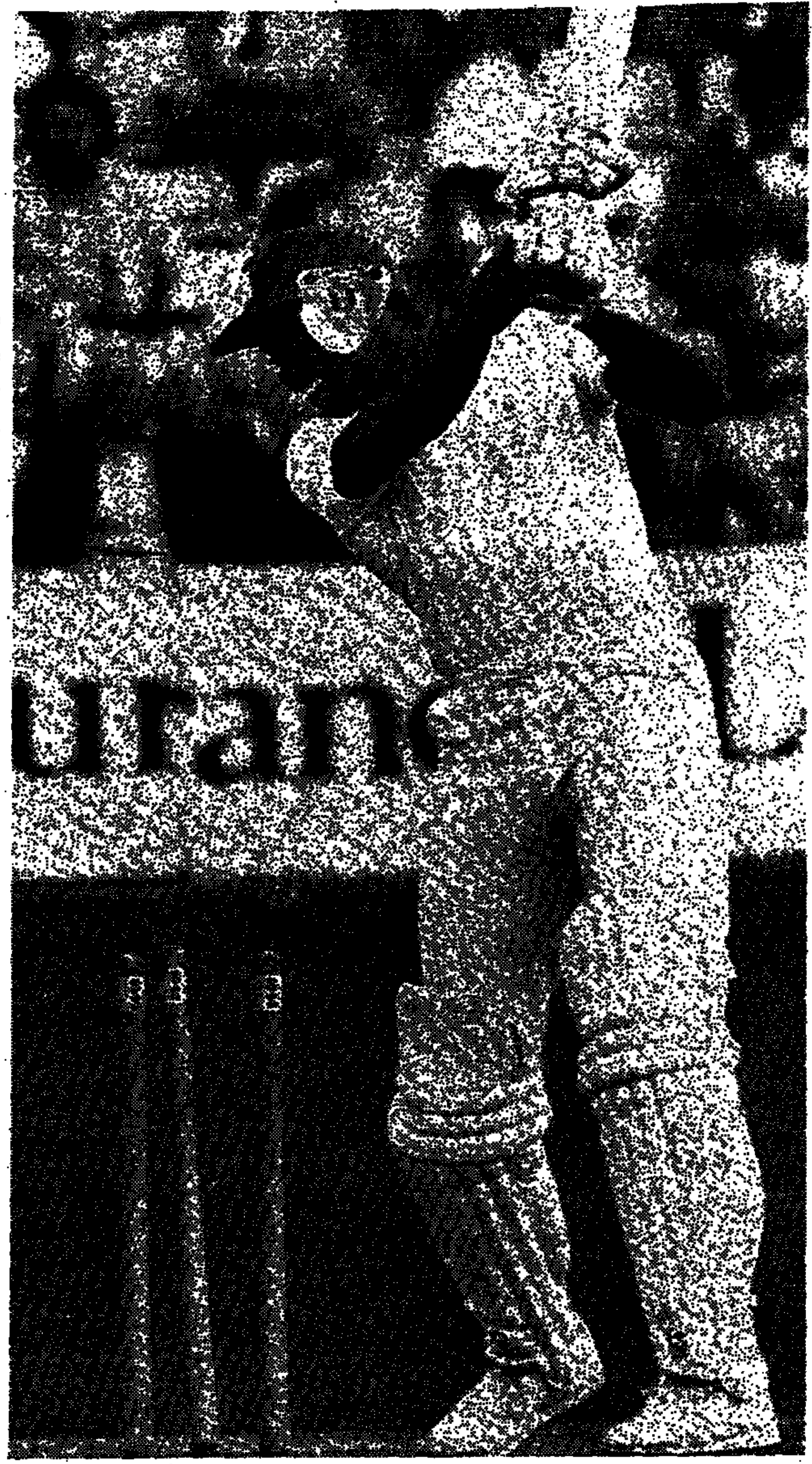
Nottinghamshire's roll of honour

Foundation: April 1841
First first-class match: August 1835
County Championship winners: 1865, 1868, 1869, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1889, 1907, 1929, 1981, 1987.
Best performance in Sunday League: 2nd in 1984, 1987.
Benson and Hedges Cup: Losing finalists in 1982
NatWest Trophy: Losing finalists in 1985, winners in 1987


Point of no return: Patterson, the last Lancashire batsman, is bowled yesterday so ending his county's drive for the bonus points needed to win the title (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

TCCB anxious over visas

By Andrew Longmore

The Test and County Cricket *Board (TCCB) will wait anx*iously today for news that the 14 members of the England team for next month's World Cup have been issued with visas by the Indian High Commission. The TCCB were due to collect the players' passports today before lodging *them with the Pakistan em*bassy for the second stamp.

There have been indications from the Australian and New Zealand Cricket Boards that the Indian Government might demand anti-apartheid declarations from players as a condition of *entry. But if that* is the case, there is little doubt *that all three countries would* pull out of the tournament, which is due *to start on* October 9. Though there are no immediate signs from the Indian High Commission to suggest that the visas will not be granted, where politics, South Africa and India are *concerned, nothing is certain.*

"*We have had no indication* that the correct visas will not be granted and we expect to have them by the end of the day", said the TCCB chief executive Alan Smith. If, however, the 14 passports do not appear by then, the Indian High Commission will have to *come up with a good excuse,* for the TCCB are not in the *mood to play the sort of* brinkmanship politics which nearly led to the 1981-82 tour to India being called off.

The problem then was a last minute call by the Indian Government for Geoff Boycott and Geoff Cook to sign anti-apartheid declarations, and it *is* the possibility *of* similar declarations now being thrust upon the England players who have connections with South Africa, including Graham Gooch, John Emburey and Allan Lamb, *that the TCCB want to avoid.*

A grace which brings back memories of Goolagong

From Rex Bellamy

One of the minor stars of the tennis galaxy, Lori McNeil, shone with unusual brightness during the United States championships. In her composure, grace of movement and eager competence in *the forecourt, she was often* reminiscent of a former Wimbledon champion, Evonne Goolagong. Miss McNeil is hardly in the same class, but she is certainly a fluent and attractive player to watch.

Miss McNeil, aged 23, had exciting three-set matches with three players ranked above her. She came within a point of losing to Zina Garrison but, with a little luck, came through to win. Then she beat Chris Evert, who had never before been stopped before the semi-final round. Finally, Miss McNeil came tantalizingly close to another *big win, because Steffi Graf* was serving at 4-all and deuce *in the third* set.

Miss McNeil did all this, creating quite a stir in the process, by *sparring* soundly from the baseline, flowing to *the net at every opportunity,* and volleying well — partly *because* she could usually anticipate the direction of *attempted passing shots. She* imposed relentless pressure and was so facile, so tidy, so seemingly nonchalant, that she *made difficult* tasks look comparatively straightforward.

Miss McNeil was born in California but the family moved to Houston before she took up tennis. Like Miss Garrison, her friend and doubles partner, she is a product *of a public park programme in* what is primarily a black area *of Houston. They have the* same coach and it is gratifying to learn that *they* are putting some money aside to help him buy his own centre and continue to develop juniors, as he developed them.

Miss Evert's unique record, at least one grand slam singles title every year for 13 consecutive years, has been halted at last. The remarkable thing is *that the sequence did* not end sooner. It must be doubted if any player, man or woman, will ever match it. As for her most familiar rival, Martina Navratilova remains the best player in the women's world. There can be no arguing with the evidence: Wimbledon and United States champion and runner-up in Melbourne and *Paris.*

It was distasteful that Hana Mandlikova, like John McEnroe, behaved badly enough to be penalized a game. *The answer to this sort* of nonsense is disqualifica*tion. Players who do not finish* matches do not win tournaments. Consequently their rankings, reputations and market values decline.

The defeat of the last two Wimbledon champions — Pat Cash by Peter Lundgren and Boris Becker by Brad Gilbert — was surprising but not *startling. They are grass-court* specialists, but have yet to *achieve their potential on* other surfaces.

As a final note on the men's events, we must remember the doubles success of Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, the first Swedes to win any of the five US championships.

British players had a good tournament. Andrew Castle beat two men ranked above him, notably David Pate, and Anne Hobbs collected about £17,500 by giving all she had *in three events. Her best* performance came in the doubles *in* which Miss Hobbs and Betsy Nagelsen beat the Wimbledon champions, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Helena Sukova.

European decider in Torquay

Seven of the leading European America's Cup consortiums, including Britain's Blue Arrow and BACC Syndicates, have decided to set up a European programme of racing for 12-metre yachts next season, culminating in a *match race championship in* Torquay (Barry Pickthall writes).

The agreement in principle, which was taken by the two British and French groups together with representatives from West Germany, Denmark and Sweden, is to hold match and fleet race series in three European venues.

These *races, open* to the dozen or more 12-metre boats *lying idle in sheds around* Europe, is in addition to the European Match Race Championship planned for Torquay at the end of August. This two-week event will be contested aboard the two identical glass-fibre New Zealand 12 metres'.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Moscow request

The United States has asked the Soviet Union to use its *influence* to get North Korea to accept an IOC offer to stage *five* events at the 1988 Olympic Games. The IOC is negotiating with North and South Korea to avert a possible Pyongyang-led communist boycott of the Games.

Last month, the North proposed they should stage five full events and one partial event.

Scrum down

Tony Shepherd, the Notting*ham prop, is blaming* a deliberate collapse of the scrum for a neck injury which could keep him out of rugby until Christmas. Shepherd suffered the injury in the victory against Sale on Saturday.

Cowdrey: big hitter

Cowdrey top

Chris Cowdrey, Kent's captain, was the leading six-hitter in this season's Refuge Assurance League, with 18.

Youth cup

The first World Cup for cricketers aged under 19 will be staged in Australia in February and March.

Pfaff the best

Jean-Marie Pfaff, Bayern Munich's Belgian international, has been voted the best goalkeeper in the world by the International Federation of Football Historians and Statisticians. It is the first time the award has been made.

Latchford out

Bob Latchford will not be available for Merthyr Tydfil's *European Cup Winners' Cup* tie against the Italian club *Atalanta* tomorrow. The former England forward is suffering from a thigh strain.

Third draw

England Under-21 drew 1-1 with their Spanish counterparts in a hockey tournament at Santader on Sunday. The English team had drawn their two earlier matches.

END COLUMN

A tatty show for TV bosses

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York

The best day of the United States championships, in many ways the worst good tournament of the year, is the day it ends. This should be a great festival of sport. Instead it is a tatty, tasteless mess, an embarrassment to the grand slam series. That will remain *true as long as the interests of* the players and the paying public are *subordinate to* the interests of television.

This television game show sacrifices principle, common sense and tradition in order to make more money than American tennis should need. Money talks but that does not mean we always have to listen. The greedy submission to the preferences of the television bosses is absurdly apparent in the scheduling.

The later rounds are deliberately congested, denying the players a rest before their last dash to the summit. Finals can begin any time between 11 o'clock and dusk. The *women's singles finalists* cannot prepare themselves properly because they are not sure when they will go on court. They play after, or in between, the men's semi-finals. For most of the tournament there are separate day and night crowds (more people, more *money).* Matches may be scheduled for daylight or (under floodlights) dusk or night — or in combination of these variable conditions. That cannot be equally fair to all players.

Omnipresent litter in concrete jungle

Elsewhere, such scheduling is reluctantly accepted by players and public in emergency — *for example,* the bad weather at Wimbledon, Paris or Melbourne. Here, it is deliberate: because it makes sense to the television bosses, whose money buys them influence, and to the United States Tennis Association (USTA), who take the money. *They argue that if it pays, it* must be right. Similar reasoning has made the tournament just as élitist as it was in the old days at Forest Hills, a private club. The move to a public facility was supposed to *take the game to a wider* public. Instead the 'club' élite has been *reinforced by busi*ness corporations who buy box seats and other privileges.

***If they had the guts to take a* firm stand instead of being dazzled by dollars, the USTA and the players' associations could sort out both the scheduling and the élitism.**

There remains the more difficult problem of noise — especially when runway 13 at La Guardia is in use — and omnipresent litter in the concrete jungle of Flushing *Meadow. Plus the problem of* movement during change overs, when spectators seek food or drink or friends while, on court, the vicinity of the umpire's chair tends to be awash with minor functionaries.

Outside the courts, the combination of food village, tennis-oriented shopping mall, and scattered sales personnel *puts Flushing Meadow some*where between a market and a *fairground.* Prices are *inflated* and tennis can be an expensive day out.

Women are now over-valued

A final criticism is that women, who had a raw deal in the early days of open tennis, are now over-valued. Most of them are not good enough to justify the same size draw as the men or — as happens here — the same prize money.

For the wrong reasons, there is cause to hope for improvement on many fronts. The stars are fading from American tennis. If and when there are none left, the support of television, corporate sponsors and public may decline and the stream of money could begin to dry up. The championships committee would then be confounded by their own logic: if it does not pay, something must be wrong.

Meantime, players and public turn up, the money rolls in, and we can at least appreciate that, though they are tough on the legs, hard courts are a more equitable test *of* tennis then shale or grass.

Moreover, it is good to meet old friends, make new ones, and (too briefly) enjoy the wildlife, the seafood and the peaceful beauty of a temporary base on Long Island. But Flushing Meadow is no place *to spend an extra day. Open* the cage. Let me out.

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